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WORLD CUP

GROUP ONE

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15.06	19.00	HUNGARY		ARGENTINA	
16.06	19.00	FRANCE		ITALY	
17.06	19.00	ARGENTINA		FRANCE	
18.06	19.00	ITALY		HUNGARY	
19.06	19.00	ITALY		ARGENTINA	
20.06	19.00	FRANCE		HUNGARY	

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17.06	19.00	POLAND		MEXICO	
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19.06	19.00	TUNISIA		POLAND	
20.06	19.00	POLAND		MEXICO	

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Second Round GROUP B

Date	Time	Country	Score	Country	Score
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26.06	19.00				
27.06	19.00				

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WE on SHOOT have dedicated ourselves to ensuring readers get the maximum enjoyment out of watching the World Cup Finals on TV by feeding you as much background information as we can about the 16 Finalists. In this issue we conclude our interviews with the captains, by featuring Laszlo Fazekas of Hungary, whom England meet in a friendly at Wembley next week, and also single-out the strikers we think likely to get the great goals.

Similar fascinating features are being prepared for following issues.

And with this issue we've presented you with a full-colour wallchart containing all the teams, qualifying tables, and the programme of matches so you can plan your viewing and also keep a full record of the tournament.

Although England have once again failed to reach the Finals, they are, under new manager Ron Greenwood, a much-improved side after encouraging performances in their last three games against foreign opposition: Italy, West Germany and Brazil.

On Saturday, they visit Hampden Park for the climax to the British Championship, to play "old enemies" Scotland. England will be going hard for a win, to continue their development into a truly World-class side, while the Scots are dedicated to heading Argentina-way armed with the confidence of being British Champions for the third successive year.

Next week, England face another demanding test, but at Wembley, against the Hungarian Magyars, considered by many to be the dark horses in the race for the World Cup.

Both matches are covered in this extra-special issue.

Rely on SHOOT to keep you up-to-date with what's happening on the ever-changing soccer scene this summer.

David Gregory

(EDITOR)

Marksman to mark down

A look at 16 sharpshooters who could be big hits in Argentina.

GROUP 1

ROBERTO BETTEGA
(Italy) Age 27

He's not had the happiest of seasons with Juventus, where his form was inconsistent, yet he's shown for Italy that he can rise to the occasion. Italy will need a top-form Bettega in Group One, where every game promises to be very tight. Still, Bettega is used to this sort of pressure.



TIBOR NYILASI
(Hungary) Age 23

A midfielder, yet as Hungary started their World Cup warm-up games, he had scored 16 times in 24 games... the sort of record most strikers would be proud of. Plays for Ferencvaros and manager Lajos Baroti is hoping Nyilasi's troubles are behind him. The player was banned from travelling abroad after a customs incident, and a fractured skull plus appendicitis have also hindered his progress. Now fully fit again, Nyilasi could make a big name for himself in Argentina.



MICHEL PLATINI
(France) Age 22



Along with West Germany's Rainer Bonhof, Platini is one of the freest scoring midfielders in Europe. He rose to fame with French club Nancy, and when Hidalgo called him into the national team he proved he could also score goals at international level. Platini was France's top scorer in the World Cup qualifying round, and followed this up with goals against strong opponents such as Brazil and Italy. Free-kicks are his speciality, and he spends hours each week practising against a defensive wall of polystyrene figures.



DANIEL BERTONI
(Argentina) Age 23

Bertoni's a strong, free-scoring left-flank striker with an explosive shot in either foot. He's also Argentina's free-kick specialist, bending the ball over or round the defensive wall. Scored 22 goals in Independiente's 1977 League campaign, but was injured in December and was out of action for almost three months. He's all set for a transfer to Europe after the World Cup... though he'll

have to control his uncertain temperament (as Trevor Cherry will testify) if he's to succeed on the European scene.

GROUP 2

KLAUS FISCHER
(West Germany) Age 28

Germany will rely heavily on the Schalke 04 captain for their goals as he's been their only consistent scorer in the past year. Fischer was banned from playing for his country for many years, the result of being mixed up in the infamous bribe scandal of 1971. Now, all is forgiven and Fischer netted five of his country's eight goals on the South American tour last year.



HAZAMI TEMIME
(Tunisia) Age 28

Tunisia probably won't win a single match in Argentina as African soccer trails a long way behind that of Europe and South America. However, keep an eye out for Hazami Temime, a speedy right-winger who has good close control and a deceptive change of



pace. Temime plays for the Jeddah club and has been an international for nine years.

HUGO SANCHEZ
(Mexico) Age 19

A brilliant young left-flank striker who made his League debut only two years ago with Universidad, but made such an impact he instantly became the idol of the fans, and was called into Mexico's World Cup qualifying games by Jose Antonio Roca. Sanchez responded by combining brilliantly with his ex-Youth and Olympic team-mate Victor Rangel, and between them they scored 11 goals



In five games. Sanchez can play on either flank, but prefers the left, where he can make full use of his thunderbolt left-foot shot. He'll have a tough time against the Polish and West German defences, but he could be a name to watch for the future.

GRZEGORZ LATO
(Poland) Age 28

Top scorer in the last World Cup and still a deadly finisher. There are few faster forwards in the world than Lato, who is one of the modern breed of raiding wingers. Plays for Stal Mielec — how Western European clubs would love to have this exciting player. Although relatively small, Lato has scored his quota of headed goals, but it's his speed off the mark that will probably once again impress.



GROUP 3

RUBEN CANO
(Spain) Age 27

Cano is a skilful central striker who snaps up half-chances despite working virtually single-handed in Spain's goal-shy attack. Born in Mendoza, Argentina, Cano rose to fame with Atlanta and actually represented his country in one "unofficial" match. He moved to Spain in 1974 when Elche paid £25,000 for him, and two years



later Atlético Madrid signed him for £275,000. He scored 20 goals in Atlético's title campaign and is again the club's top scorer this season. Wearing Spain's red shirt, he scored the vital goal in Yugoslavia that gave the Spaniards a 1-0 win and their passport to Argentina.

ZICO
(Brazil) Age 25

Real name Artur Antunes Coimbra, Brazil boss Claudio Coutinho reckons Zico will emerge as a world-class star in Argentina. The Brazilian midfielder still weighs less than ten stone despite a course of weightlifting, yet his



slender frame does not prevent him from having one of the most explosive shots in soccer. Zico can also look after himself, as England found out at Wembley.

RALF EDSTROM
(Sweden) Age 25

Played well in the '74 series, but since then has quit professional soccer, leaving PSV of Holland to return to Sweden with 1.FK Gothenburg. Edström fell out of love with big-time football and a series of injuries didn't help matters. The lanky striker has missed many games in the past year through injuries and Sweden will hope he's fully recovered to lead their attack in Argentina.



Once scored a hat-trick of headed goals against the U.S.S.R. and is generally accepted as one of the world's finest headers of the ball.

HANS KRANKL
(Austria) Age 25

Europe's top scorer, so he'll be a marked man in Argentina. Krankl made the headlines with his six goals in Austria's 9-0 demolition of Malta in a qualifying game — mind you, apart from that match, Austria haven't found the back of the net quite so regularly. Krankl also had another unforgettable



World Cup qualifier — he was sent-off against East Germany for arguing about a disallowed goal. After the World Cup, it's almost certain he'll join one of Europe's top clubs.

GROUP 4

JUAN CARLOS OBLITAS
(Peru) Age 27

Peru's top scorer in the World Cup preliminary rounds, Oblitas is the traditional type of left-winger, with typical South American ball skills and an explosive left-foot shot. He loves taking on defenders and cuts inside to snap up half-chances in the area. He's scored



consistently for his club, Sporting Cristal, and had a successful spell in Mexico with Veracruz. The question-mark over Oblitas is his inability to ride tough European tackling — two years ago he was signed by Spanish club Elche; played one game for them, and ran back to Peru! Even so, he's one of the danger-men for the Scotland defence.

KENNY DALGLISH
(Scotland) Age 27

Had a superb first season with Liverpool, probably better than most people expected. He scored 27 goals and there is every chance this tally will be increased in



Argentina. Kenny will, surely, become Scotland's most-capped player in the Finals, too. A deceptive player who is extremely difficult to mark. A criticism of Dalglish is that he's been a better player for his club than country. Yet since joining Liverpool, he has become an even better all-round player than he was at Celtic and could emerge as Scotland's big star in Argentina.

HASSAN ROWSHAN
(Iran) Age 23

Has been troubled by knee injury, but Iran expect him to be fit for the Finals. Rowshan plays for the Taj club and was introduced to international football by Frank O'Farrell when he was manager of Iran. His shooting is excellent, he's fast and reads the game well.



JOHNNY REP
(Holland) Age 26

Won European Cup medals with Ajax and has since played in Spain with Valencia. Now with Europe's surprise side, Bastia of Corsica, Rep had a good World Cup in 1974 and with Cruyff, Geels and Kist pulling out, they'll be depending on him even more this time. Rep is an explosive winger with a tremendous shot. Strong in the air, he has been hampered recently by an arm injury, but will be O.K. for the Finals.



SHOOT: How would you compare the Hungarian 1966 World Cup team which beat Brazil in a remarkable match at Everton, and the present side?

FAZEKAS: It is difficult to compare teams playing more than a decade apart from each other. Football has changed. Our current side is very combative, certainly more so than the '66 team was. Although we haven't got so many outstanding players as they had — Albert, Farkas, Bene, Meszoly — we are now more in tune with the requirements of the modern game. I mean, for instance, man-to-man marking, fighting qualities, even flair.

SHOOT: Tell us something about national team-manager Lajos Baroti.

FAZEKAS: It is not a coincidence that every time he is in charge we manage to qualify for the Finals. He is certainly one of the highest rated, most respected coaches in Hungary. He is very experienced, thorough, the smallest detail doesn't escape his attention. His beliefs are very strong, and he never deviates from his plans, despite widespread criticism. In any case, he has been amply vindicated by our results.

SHOOT: Are you still playing attacking football?

FAZEKAS: Yes. Hungarian football has a reputation for being positive, even spectacular. Now, we are not very different from others, insofar as our tactics are concerned. We attack with six or seven men when we have the ball, and defend with ten players when the opposition is in possession. That's modern football whether we like it or not!

SHOOT: Which Hungarian player could become a big star in Argentina?

FAZEKAS: Andras Torocsik, my clubmate at Dozsa, our central-striker, is a fantastic footballer. He could make a sensational impact during the World Cup.

SHOOT: How about the foreigners?

FAZEKAS: Michel Platini of France is a marvellous player, he should



No.16
LASZLO FAZEKAS
Hungary



'Underdogs have often beaten favourites'



LEFT . . . Bela Varadi, the 25-year-old Vasas Budapest forward.

ABOVE . . . Sandor Zombori, who made his international debut three years ago.

be one of the stars of the tournament. The Scottish stopper Gordon McQueen is also an excellent footballer — probably the best defender in world football.

SHOOT: How has Hungary prepared for the Finals?

FAZEKAS: The best preparation is the Championship race. Hard games twice a week should make us fit for a similar "menu" in Argentina. The national squad met every Monday during the season, and we trained together. That's very important, because we are continually in touch, we are a team in every sense of the word. Since, basically, Mr. Baroti has been using the same players during the last two years, we know each other's game inside out. The domestic season ended on April 22, and then we spent three weeks together in a training camp.

SHOOT: Apart from England, you have played only one other full international game, the one against Czechoslovakia in April. Do you think that's enough?

FAZEKAS: Firstly, we have also played against club sides, and as far as development of teamwork is concerned, the "label" on the opposition doesn't really matter.

Secondly, during the last couple of years we have played so many full internationals, that we do not really need any more trials. Mr. Baroti knows perfectly well what to expect from each player — the important thing now is the players should live together, and be mentally prepared for the task ahead.

SHOOT: How big a handicap is it for you to play in South America?

FAZEKAS: It is certainly a disadvantage for all the European teams. On the other hand, June is a cool month in Argentina, and that is an advantage for us.

SHOOT: Have you been to South America before?

FAZEKAS: Nine times! But it was always in January or February, when the heat was practically unbearable. I repeat, conditions will be much more favourable for us this time.

SHOOT: Teams playing attacking football won the last two World Cups. Do you think this trend will continue?

FAZEKAS: Yes, although in my view the type of football played wasn't really the decisive factor. The number of world-class players in each winning side tilted the balance. Pelé, Jairzinho, Gerson in 1970, Müller, Beckenbauer, Breitner in '74. There are several teams going to Argentina with about equal chance of success. The sides providing outstanding individuals on the day will do extre-



tragedy in a friendly — we still hope to create a good impression and uphold the reputation of Hungarian football. Still, the English fans mustn't expect to see another classic like the historic 6-3 match in 1953 — these days teams don't score that many goals in full internationals.

● Interview by Tamas Falus.

LEFT . . . from left — Istvan Kocsis, Tibor Nyilasi, Peter Torok, Bela Varadi, Sandor Zombori, Zoltan Kereki, Andras Torocsik, Jozef Toth, Sandor Pinter, Sandor Gujdar and Laszlo Fazekas. **BELOW . . .** Full-back Kereki in action.



mely well. In other words, a spark of brilliance still plays a major part in football in this age of work-rate and collectivism.

SHOOT: What do you think about the draw?

FAZEKAS: We have a very difficult draw since we are undoubtedly in the strongest group together with the hosts, Argentina, Italy, who will be well supported over there, and the much improved French. Still, the underdogs have often beaten the favourites — the issue of getting into the Second Round might be wide open until the very last minute of the final group game!

SHOOT: How do you think Hungary will fare, and what result would you regard as satisfactory?

FAZEKAS: I feel if we fight all the way, give 100 per cent, but still fail, no one will blame us. Getting into the Second Round, perhaps at the expense of Italy and France, would be satisfactory. In fact, to be one of the best eight countries in the world is no mean achievement.

SHOOT: Do you think it is right strong footballing nations like England and Russia are not in the Finals, while weaker teams from other parts of the globe are there?

FAZEKAS: Undoubtedly, the Finals would be even more keenly fought if these teams were playing. But we must not forget they were beaten in the qualifying tournament, so there are teams in the Finals who are stronger than them.

SHOOT: What do you expect from the referees?

FAZEKAS: Impartiality, bravery, correctness! They should be unob-

trusive but firm. I do not like controversy concerning refereeing decisions. Dissent is now completely outlawed in Hungary — players are instantly dismissed at the slightest sign of open disagreement with a ref's decision. That method should cut out a lot of trouble in the World Cup. So-called professional fouls should also be punished by sending-off the offender without any previous warning.

SHOOT: Which countries will col-

lect medals in Argentina?

FAZEKAS: Brazil, W. Germany, Holland and Argentina — not a very original selection!

SHOOT: What kind of result do you expect against England at Wembley?

FAZEKAS: I saw them on T.V. against W. Germany in February, and I thought they played very well, but I am confident we won't be beaten at Wembley. However, if we do lose — which wouldn't be a

FOCUS ON ANDRAS TOROCSIK Ujpest Dozsa

FULL NAME: Andras Torocsik
BIRTHPLACE: Budapest
BIRTHDATE: May 1st, 1955
HEIGHT: 6ft
WEIGHT: 12st 7lb
PREVIOUS CLUB: BVSC.
MARRIED: No
CAR: Don't have one
FAVOURITE PLAYER: He used to be the Hungarian Florian Albert, now Johan Cruyff
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Istvan Kovacs (Vasas)
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: 6-0 victory against Bolivia in the World Cup
BIGGEST THRILL: Reaching the World Cup Finals
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: When we lost in the qualifying tournament of the U.E.F.A. Youth Cup in 1973
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Spain
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fried chicken
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Listening to music

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:

None
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Colombo and Kojak
FAVOURITE SINGER: Rod Stewart
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Richard Burton and Barbra Streisand
BEST FRIEND: My club-mate Jozsef Toth
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Our manager, Pal Varhidi
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: When I get sent-off
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Youth caps, 10 full caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for the national side as often as possible, and to play well in the World Cup
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU



THINK YOU'D BE? I would still be a sportsman, probably a tennis player
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Helmut Schoen, to find out the secret of his success

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Barcelona

As a keen Barcelona supporter, I'd like to know which English clubs they've met in the European Cup.

MIGUEL TRAPE,
SPAIN

● In the Second Round in 1959-60, Miguel, Barcelona beat Wolverhampton Wanderers 9-2 on aggregate (4-0 at home, and 5-2 away).

But, in the Semi-Finals in 1974-75, they were beaten 3-2 by Leeds United (losing 1-2 away, and drawing 1-1 at home).

Orient changes

When I was a schoolgirl, long ago — during the 1914-18 War — our school sports were held on the ground of Clapton Orient F.C. Whatever became of that club, or is it connected with the present Orient F.C. at Leyton?

E. M. STIMSON,
BIRCHINGTON

● Yes, it's all the same club. They were known as Clapton Orient from their formation in 1881 — by a group of clerks working for the Orient Shipping Company — until 1946.

Then, for 20 years, the club was known as Leyton Orient — and, since 1966, just as Orient.

Their present ground is at Brisbane Road, Leyton — but I imagine your school sports of so long ago would have been held at one of their earlier grounds at Millfields.

Icelandic stars

Can you tell me the names of those Icelandic footballers who've played for Scottish League clubs since the War?

GISLI GUNLAUGSSON,
ICELAND

● Offhand, three particularly come to mind, Gisli.

There was Albert Gudmundsson (who also played a game or two with Arsenal) for Rangers in the late 1940's; followed by Thorolf Beck, for St. Mirren and Rangers in the 1960's.

And now there's Johannes Edvaldsson, who's a star turn with Celtic.

England on top

I'm a West German fan of English football, and so I'd like to know the results of full internationals between our two countries.

THOMAS MATHEIS,
WEST GERMANY

● Since West Germany came into being as a separate state, Thomas, there have been 11 games.

England won the first five — 3-1 at Wembley in December, 1954; 3-1 in Berlin in May, 1956; 1-0 in Nuremberg in May, 1965; 1-0 at Wembley in February, 1966; and 4-2 at Wembley in the World Cup Final in July, 1966.

West Germany then won the next three — 1-0 in Hanover in June, 1968; 3-2 in Leon, Mexico, in the World Cup in June, 1970; and 3-1 at Wembley in the European Championship in April, 1972.

The next game was a 0-0 European Championship draw in Berlin in May, 1972. Then, in the last two friendlies, England won 2-0 at Wembley in March, 1975; and West Germany won 2-1 in Munich last February.

In the three pre-War games against a

combined Germany, there was a 3-3 draw in Berlin in May, 1930; while England won 3-0 at Tottenham in December, 1935, and 6-3 in Berlin in May, 1938.

Birthdays

I was a great Norwegian fan of Gordon McQueen and Joe Jordan when they were at Leeds, and now I've "followed" them to Manchester United! But I would like to know their birthdays.

LARS LOKNA,
NORWAY



● Jordan (above) is just that bit older, Lars — he was born on 15th December, 1951.

McQueen arrived on the scene six months later — on 26th June, 1952.

Extra-time winner

As a souvenir, I've got a ticket for a League Cup Third Round replay between Liverpool and West Bromwich on 10th October, 1972. Can you tell me the result?

SKAPTI HALLGRIMSSON,
ICELAND

● After a 1-1 draw at West Bromwich the previous week, Skapti, Liverpool won that replay 2-1.

Hughes scored for Liverpool, and Robertson for West Bromwich, in the second-half — and Keegan popped in the winner in extra-time.

SHORT PASSES

● Spurs have won five Finals at Wembley — F.A. Cup in 1961, 1962, and 1967; League Cup in 1971 and 1973.

(GRAEME PALIN, Llandudno)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.



'Why I

I'VE been waiting two years for the chance to wipe out my worst-ever goalkeeping mistake. It happened at Hampden in 1976 when England played Scotland in the climax to the British Championship.

Kenny Dalglish — now ironically a team-mate with Liverpool — came through into the penalty box and put a soft, bobbly shot through my legs and into the net for Scotland's second, victorious goal.

Any Sunday morning 'keeper would be ashamed to have conceded that one — so you can imagine how I felt!

Like taking a one-way ticket to Siberia!

The memory of that Clemence clanger has haunted me for the past two years, despite all the success I have achieved in the period.

Whereas Kenny is a virtual certainty to line-up for his country, I'll just have to keep my fingers crossed I'm preferred to either Peter Shilton or Joe Corrigan.

Last time at Hampden, Kenny fooled me with a mis-hit, a speciality of his — like Kevin Keegan — but through having the opportunity to study his play with Liverpool, I'll have no excuse whatever if he should score against me again in such a way.

He was also on the Scotland score-sheet when they beat us at Wembley last year — in front of a crowd mainly made up of their own fans — and it's that defeat, by 2-1, that the rest of my England team-mates are particularly determined to avenge.

Being beaten on your home territory is something every player takes to heart, and this body blow is just what we're aiming to inflict on the Scots.

Our main motivation, of course, is the same as that of the other three Home nations — to show we also deserve to be taking the trip to Argentina for the World Cup Finals.

And the last thing the Scots want is a defeat at Hampden before they set off for South America, where, in the previous close season they beat Chile, drew with Argentina, and lost to Brazil.

At least we can boast of returning undefeated after meeting Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil.

In my opinion, and I believe it's shared by most people, the Scots are probably better-equipped than ever before for an attempt to bring back the most prized trophy in World football.

They are exceptionally strong in midfield — where most games are won or lost — with Asa Hartford, Don Masson, Lou Macari, Archie Gemmill, Bruce Rioch and Graeme Souness to pick from, and also possess a collection of forwards with formidable fire-power, such as Joe Jordan, Willie Johnston, Kenny, Derek Johnstone, John Robertson and Joe Harper.

In the centre of the defence is big, blond Gordon McQueen, who with Leeds and Manchester United revels in bulldozing through, sometimes with amazing grace, to join in attacks and score goals.

It may be some consolation that manager Ally MacLeod has consigned him strictly to defensive duties, and will only allow him to try for goal at set pieces.

I discovered just how deadly he can be in them when he headed the ball past me at Wembley last year from a free-kick for the first of Scotland's goals.

That very able full-back Willie Donachie of Manchester City will unfortunately miss Scotland's opening game against Peru, and Danny McGrain has been forced to drop out because of a persistent injury. That's a bad blow for Scotland because Danny on his day is among the elite handful of British backs who are brilliant in both defence and attack.

want to play against the Scots'

RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer

'MY WORST-EVER MISTAKE'

Goalkeeper is something of a problem position for Scotland. Personally I believe home-based ones are not as good as those Scots playing in our Football League: George Wood of Everton, for instance, who was not even included in Mr. MacLeod's original squad of 40 players.

George, outstanding in the last few months of the season, went through a bad spell when the Scotland boss had him under scrutiny.

Most of the Scots internationals are drawn from the Football League, where the game is more competitive simply because there are more

big clubs battling it out week after week.

Without these "Anglos" the game in England would be the poorer, for apart from their natural skills, they bring a fervent will-to-win.

With some, their lively temperament can be a disadvantage. Their tempers tend to boil over and they lose control. This is something they'll have to beware of in Argentina, where they will at times be severely provoked, especially by Latin teams.

Scots with Liverpool have played leading roles in sides that brought honours to my club.

Ian St. John, the hero-worshipped centre-forward in the Sixties, and big Ron Yeats, who backed him up in defence.

Amazingly enough, our European Cup-winning side of 1977 didn't contain a single Scot.

But now we have three in our squad: Kenny, Graeme Souness and Alan Hansen.

This brings me to something mooted when Liverpool reached this year's European Cup Final: as our successful club sides contain a blend of players from the Home nations, why not scrap their sides and concentrate on fielding a British team?

To reinforce this argument, proposers often cite the case of George Best, probably the greatest player ever produced in Britain, who never graced the World Cup stage, and argue that a combined eleven including Bestie would almost certainly have qualified for West Germany in 1974.

Yes, I say, but we did have one nation there — Scotland.

All right, they reply, but a British team would have gone into the Quarter-Finals with a good chance of winning the Final.

It's an argument no one can win, like many others in football which can't be put to the test.

In theory, the idea is a good one, but in practice I'm convinced it wouldn't work.

As the British Championship proves, every country can field a side it can be proud of.

And I can foresee problems of who would be manager of a combined eleven, and tremendous controversy over his selection of players. The present four bosses receive enough stick already.

No system is perfect, but despite its drawbacks, the present one is at least workable.

Now back to the big match, "Greenwood's Greats" v "Ally's

Army", which is going to be seen live on TV by millions, and a full house at Hampden.

I read somewhere there had been over 300,000 applications for tickets. The vast majority from Scots, I'm sure, as the English representation is always small at Hampden.

A weekend in Glasgow doesn't quite have the appeal of one in London. I'm told many Scots save for two years to enjoy a break in the capital city.

Judging by what happened to our goalposts after Scotland's 2-1 victory last year, some Scots enjoyed another kind of "break", too.

A revenge result for England will be a further boost to our chances of doing well in the European Championship, which we kick-off in against Denmark in September.

And the following Wednesday, at Wembley, we get another chance to improve under manager Ron Greenwood when we meet Hungary, another World Cup qualifier, in a friendly.

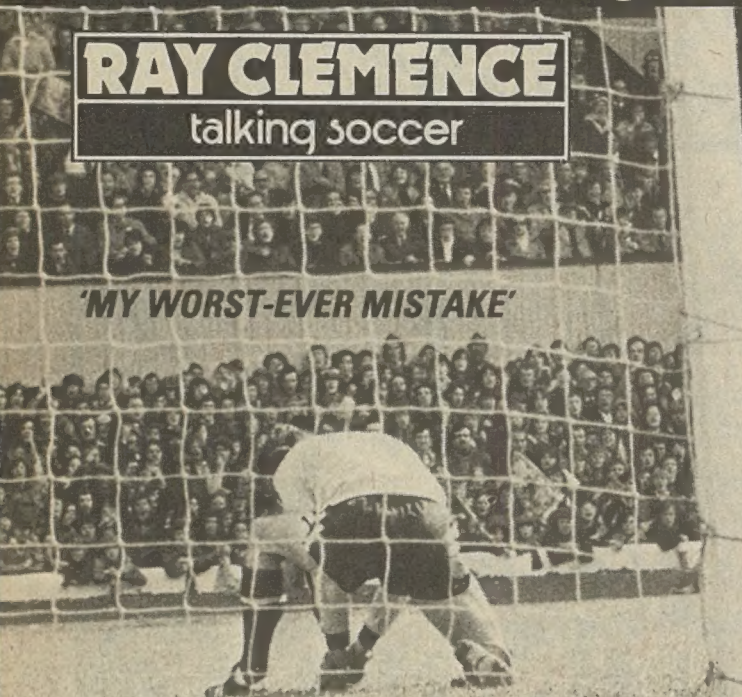
Let's hope it's more friendly than the previous one, against Brazil, when the normally-skillful South American three-times World Cup winners disgraced themselves by putting "sock" into soccer.

The Magyars of Hungary are regarded as the "dark horses" of the World Cup, so we shan't be under-estimating them.

A Wembley win by us will be added compensation for failing to reach Argentina. However, there's no real substitute for not being amongst the sixteen countries in the Finals. Spain 1982 is our goal — and next time we must not fail!

Ray Clemence

'BRAZIL PUT THE "SOCK" INTO SOCCER'



facts and figures



Jimmy Greaves (white shirt) scores England's third goal against Scotland during their 9-3 win in 1961. England (inset) under pressure in their 6-3 trouncing by Hungary in 1953.



ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND

On April 6th, 1907, Scotland called upon nine Anglo-Scots. That figure is a record for Anglos in a Scottish side. The result was a 1-1 draw at St. James' Park, Newcastle, and Scotland's goal was an own-goal by England defender Bob Crompton.

Goalless draws

Only twice has the England v Scotland match been drawn 0-0. The first-ever game on the West of Scotland cricket ground at Partick, on November 30th, 1872, ended goalless. Luckily the fans had to wait nearly 98 years before the next 0-0 draw — that was on April 25th, 1970, at Hampden Park.

Youngest-ever

The youngest England player to appear against the Scots was Duncan Edwards at 18 years and 183 days on April 2nd, 1955. Duncan, who died from injuries after the Munich air crash, still holds the record as the youngest ever full international for England. That match saw England win 7-2 with Dennis Wilshaw setting a new individual scoring record against Scotland for England with four goals. For the record, Nat Lofthouse (2) and Don Revie scored England's other goals.

7-2 for Scotland

Scotland's record aggregate score against England was on March 2nd, 1878, when they won 7-2 in Glasgow. Scots goalscorers were McDougall 3, McNeil 2, McGregor and Mackinnon.

Hat-trick

England's record aggregate v Scotland was 9-3 on April 15th, 1961. The England goals were rat-

tled in by Jimmy Greaves 3, Bobby Smith 2, Johnny Haynes 2, Bobby Robson and Bryan Douglas one apiece past Frank Haffey in the Scots goal. Dave Mackay, Dave Wilson and John Quinn replied.

Wee Blue Devils

Two of Scotland's most notable victories were at Wembley Stadium. On March 31st, 1928, 'The Wee Blue Devils' as they have become known, beat England 5-1. Jackson 3, James and Gibson scoring for Scotland. Then on April 15th, 1967, delighted Scottish fans kept chunks of the Wembley turf after their team had inflicted England's first defeat since they had won the World Cup in 1966. Scotland had a 3-2 victory, with Denis Law, Bobby Lennox and Jim McCalliog netting the goals.

England tops

England have won the British Championship outright on 30 occasions followed by Scotland with 24. But Scotland have been Champions for the last two tournaments and were also winners of the first Championship held in 1883-84. Then they won all three matches.

Bobby Moore

The two record-holders with caps for the two countries are Bobby Moore (England) and Denis Law (Scotland). Of Moore's 108 caps, 30 were in the British Championship and he played 11 times v Scotland. Billy Wright played 13 matches in succession v Scotland from 1947-1959. Law made 26 Championship appearances with nine games v England.

ENGLAND v. HUNGARY

All Square

England have met Hungary ten times, and if there is a win for either side next Wednesday they will take the lead in the series between the two countries. At the moment both sides have won five matches each.

Last meeting

This will be Hungary's third visit to Wembley, the last occasion was on May 5th, 1965, when a goal by Jimmy Greaves gave England a 1-0 win. This match was also the last meeting between the two countries until next Wednesday.

Shock defeat

The first visit to Wembley by Hungary on November 25th, 1953, however, will always have a place in the soccer record books. Until that misty afternoon, England had never lost to a Continental side on English soil. But Hungary, in a superb display of football, beat England 6-3 and defeat saw the first major rethink in British soccer tactics for many years. The teams for that historic match were: England: Merrick; Ramsey, Eckersley, Wright, Johnston, Dickinson, Matthews, Taylor, Mortensen, Sewell, Robb. Hungary: Grosics; Buzanszky, Lantos, Bozsik, Lorant, Zakarias, Budai, Kocsis, Hidegkuti, Puskas, Czibor.

Record score

A few months later, England travelled to Budapest for the return and the scoreline from that match still stands as England's heaviest defeat by a foreign country. Hungary crushed them 7-1 with goals from Puskas 2, Kocsis 2, Toth, Lantos and Hidegkuti. Ivor Broadis scored for England.

8-2 victory

Those two massive defeats from Hungary were a far cry from the first three games between the two countries. England rattled in a total of 19 goals. Their biggest score being an 8-2 win in Budapest on May 31st, 1909, when Vivian Woodward scored four. Two days earlier the teams had met and England had won 4-2 with Woodward scoring twice. Woodward had a liking for Hungary, in the first ever match a year earlier in Budapest, Woodward had scored one in England's 7-0 victory.

Ted Drake

Hungary's first win v England was on May 10th, 1934, in Budapest when England lost 2-1. But on December 2nd, 1936, a Ted Drake hat-trick at Highbury helped England to a 6-2 win.

World Cup K.O.

Hungary won two matches in two years in the early 1960's. On May 22nd, 1960, the Magyars beat England 2-0 in Budapest, and in a World Cup Finals match in Rancagua, Chile, Hungary beat England 2-1, Ron Flowers scoring for England from a penalty.

FULL RECORD

10-6-1908	Budapest	England 7	Hungary 0
29-5-1909	Budapest	England 4	Hungary 2
31-5-1909	Budapest	England 8	Hungary 2
10-5-1934	Budapest	Hungary 2	England 1
2-12-1936	Highbury	England 6	Hungary 2
25-11-1953	Wembley	Hungary 6	England 3
23-5-1954	Budapest	Hungary 7	England 1
22-5-1960	Budapest	Hungary 2	England 0
31-5-1962	Rancagua	Hungary 2	England 1
5-5-1965	Wembley	England 1	Hungary 0

'OUR FANS A BIG HELP AT HAMPDEN'



Scotland stopper Gordon McQueen

THE World Cup will be temporarily forgotten on Saturday when Scotland face England at Hampden Park. While every Scot is convinced Ally's Army can return from Argentina with some sort of medal, fans North of the border are even more convinced Scotland can beat England for the third year in succession.

No game between these two rivals could ever be run-of-the-mill, but this weekend's clash promises to be special even by traditional standards.

For England, it is a chance to beat a World Cup Finalist - always satisfying when you haven't qualified; for Scotland, it is an opportunity to fly off to Argentina in the best possible way, having defeated England.

Scotland were worthy winners at Wembley a year ago, but, as Manchester United stopper Gordon McQueen says: "I think England are much stronger now than they were this time last season."

"It should be a terrific game, and the atmosphere will be red hot."

McQueen, who is 26 next month, scored Scotland's opening goal at Wembley last year, a fine header from a left-wing free-kick.

But he warns: "I'm making no predictions about getting another! However, in set-piece situations Joe Jordan and I are always looking for the ball in the air, hoping to seize on a scoring chance."

Hampden Park will be packed and the fans should see a keenly-contested match with neither side giving an inch.

McQueen continues: "At this level there is intense planning by both teams, and although there has always been the exception, matches between England and Scotland are usually very close affairs."

"Everybody is prepared for a struggle, and this is the way it usually turns out."

"Just because we're off to Argentina in a few days won't change our attitude at all."

"There is extra-keen competition for places in the Scotland side, which has blended well under Ally MacLeod."

It's been proved on many occasions that the previous results in the British Championship count for little when the big two meet.

McQueen says: "I've a feeling our fans will give us the edge. When it comes to complete involvement, our supporters get behind us more than their fans do England. This will certainly be a big help on Saturday."

"You can't imagine what a lift it is to the players when they run out in front of those magnificent Scotland followers."

"It's everyone's dream to play against England, which is why we Scots will be pulling out that bit extra at Hampden."

'HUNGARY—BEST SIDE I EVER SAW'

England manager Ron Greenwood

IF there was one team in the world Ron Greenwood wanted to play against during his reign as England team-manager it was Hungary. And he gets his wish at Wembley Stadium next Wednesday (May 24th).

"Hungary altered my whole philosophy of football with that marvellous display at Wembley back in 1953," he told SHOOT.

"I can remember watching Ferenc Puskas and Jozef Boszik, Hidegkuti, Kocsis and Czibor and

thinking what a magnificent side they were. Full of all the skills, fluent in their interpretation of the game, and wonderfully entertaining to watch.

"In many ways they were the best side I ever saw, and of course, they changed the pattern of the English game because they were the first foreign team ever to have

the audacity to beat us at Wembley.

"Almost overnight I can remember being converted to their style of play, and that has lived with me ever since."

The England manager regards it as a privilege for his developing England side to pit their wits against the modern-day Hungary team which is fancied in some quarters to do well in the World Cup Finals in Argentina.

"I haven't seen this team play, but Hungary always produce good footballing sides capable of being absolutely brilliant on their day, and always attractive to watch."

"I was very pleased with our performance against Brazil. We showed we can compete against the best in the world and that we have the players with attacking flair who can express themselves at the very highest level."

"Although we didn't win the game our side showed enormous character in the face of some pretty fierce tackling, and I was glad that all our boys kept their heads."

"We are now believing in ourselves once again and I think the pride has been put back into British football. If we can produce a good result against the Hungarians it will go a long way to

restoring our morale completely."

Although Greenwood has not seen Hungary play a full international for some time, he saw their Under-23 side a couple of years ago and that forms the basis for today's side, with stars like Nyilasi, Toth Balint, Fazekas, Varadi, Kovacs and Ebedli having come through to the senior ranks.

"I watched their youngsters in Tunisia last year, and technically they were very well equipped."

"Perhaps the Hungarians I spoke to then had got it right though. They are worried that in the World Cup they will have to "compete with the modern professional athlete who is more physically inclined than they are" in their own words.

After the experience of the Brazil game when England's opponents were, to say the least, somewhat physical, Greenwood recognises the World Cup is bound to present the sort of fierce competition which may result in survival of the fittest.

'Desperate'

"Hungary are undoubtedly in what looks like the toughest group of all. Argentina will be desperate to reach the Second Round in front of their own supporters, the Italians won't lie down for anyone, and Hungary and France are probably as well equipped as any of the outsiders."

"Whatever the result at Wembley, and obviously I hope we win to continue our recent improvement in results, I'm sure the match will provide an exciting spectacle and it's bound to give some of our boys excellent experience."

"Mind you, I hope Hungary aren't as good as they were in 1953. We might have to alter all our thinking again if they are!" he says.



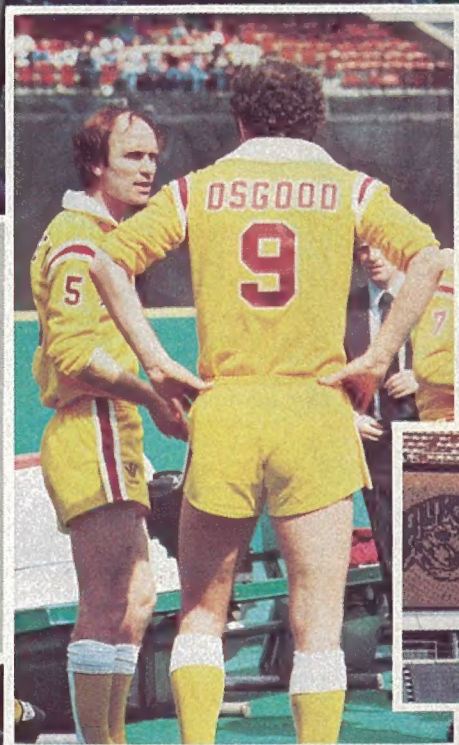
Ron Greenwood with some of his England players during a training session before their World Cup-tie against Italy last November.



FURIOUS FURY

ABOVE... Fury skipper Peter Osgood leads out the team before their first game. The Fury's strip was specially designed by a fashion designer.

LEFT... Former Chelsea team-mates Ossie and John Dempsey discuss tactics during a break in play.



LEFT... John Dempsey is introduced to the fans in typical American style.

ONE OF the new teams in the North American Soccer League are the Philadelphia Fury. They boast some of the top names in British football — captain Peter Osgood, Alan Ball, Johnny Giles and John Dempsey. Their coach is former Newcastle boss Richard Dinnis, yet their debut game was a disaster. They went down 3-0 to the Washington Diplomats, captained by former Southampton defender Jim Steele. Since then, the Fury have picked up and now, strengthened by Ball and Giles, they're trying furiously to catch the leaders in the American Conference Eastern Division. The Fury's impressive Veterans Stadium is astroturf and, as our photos show, it really is soccer the American way.

Jim Steele shows his power in defence for The Dips.



SHOOT!



WALES

BACK ROW: David Jones (Norwich), Joey Jones (Liverpool), Dai Davies (Wrexham), Gareth Davis (Wrexham), Phil Dwyer (Cardiff), John Mahoney (Middlesbrough).

FRONT ROW: Carl Harris (Leeds), Nick Deacy (PSV), Malcolm Page (Birmingham), Terry Yorath (Coventry), Micky Thomas (Wrexham).

SHOOT!

Week Ending SEPTEMBER 17 . . .

SHILTON SIGNS

THERE look to be a few hiccups in the proposed Shilton transfer. Seems to hinge on Stoke jibbing at paying the England 'keeper a £5,000 "loyalty bonus" before releasing him.

Proof of the growing financial (as well as prestigious) advantage of "getting into Europe" is illustrated in figures just issued which show a total of 5,677,636 paying spectators watched the ties in last season's "Big Three" Euro competitions — an increase of nearly a quarter of a million on the previous year.

Cloughie gets his man when Shilton forgoes his extra pay-out for an early chance to get back into First Division soccer.

£275,000 is the fee, which means — Stoke having paid Leicester £340,000 for him nearly three years ago — that Shilton's two moves have made him a £615,000 man.

Euro soccer is dominated by reports of Manchester United's away Cup-Winners' Cup-tie with St-Etienne. The Reds get a creditable 1-1 draw — but the minority of mindless, moronic maniacs who pretend to support them once again disgrace a great club.

Aggro, too, in Dublin, where Newcastle force a 0-0 Euro draw with Bohemians. So bad is the terrace-trouble there that, for their own potential safety, the referee is obliged to take both teams off the field for ten minutes in the second-half.

Trouble on the pitch as well — with Manchester City's Willie Donachie sent-off at Maine Road against Widow Lodz in another explosive U.E.F.A. Cup-tie.

"Black Power" is growing in English soccer, as West Bromwich bank on

teaming-up Laurie Cunningham with a new unknown, Cyrille Regis, in a sparkling two-man strike-force for the local derby with Wolves. Says Albion manager Ronnie Allen: "They're magic and will bring a breath of fresh-air to our soccer."

Comes Saturday, an Old Trafford clash between United and Chelsea — and between the allegedly worst sets of fans in England. But the local police handle it well — and most of the things hurled are no more lethal than abusive obscenities. On the pitch, a second-minute Garner goal gives Chelsea a shock win.

That man Dalglish bags his sixth goal in seven games to give Liverpool a point at Ipswich.

Another draw is that of Derby at home to Leeds — but it's not enough to save Colin Murphy's job. Within an hour of the final whistle, the appointment of a new manager is announced — and Tommy Docherty bounces back into the hot-seat of yet another League club.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Fulham, Northampton.
TOTAL GOALS: 94.
HAT-TRICKS: 2 — Mitchell (Fulham v. Notts Co.); Reilly (Northampton v. Hartlepool).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Man City; Div 2, Bolton; Div 3, Chesterfield; Div 4, Southend.
HIGHEST GATE: 54,764 — Man Utd v Chelsea.
TOTAL GATE: 520,711.
AVERAGE GATE: 12,397.

FAN INVASION

IT isn't Tom Forsyth's week. The big Rangers sweeper is sent-off in an incredible League game between his club and newly promoted St. Mirren at Love Street which finishes 3-3.

The match, in front of a capacity all-ticket 25,000 crowd is delayed as Rangers fans invade the park . . . not the last time such a thing happens this season.

And to add to Forsyth's worries, there is wide-spread speculation that he is about to be dropped from next week's Scotland team to face Czechoslovakia in the World Cup game at Hampden.

Better international news for Scottish junior players, a level of football unique to the Scots. Jimmy Hill is involved in plans to take a Scottish Junior Football Association side to Saudi Arabia, only the second time they would have played abroad.

Newcastle are reported to be watching Vic Davidson, and that brings a

smile to the face of the I-want-away Motherwell star. No smiles, however, from his former Celtic team-mates who crash 2-1 to Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

Celtic have a better scoreline in the First Round, first-leg of the European Cup, beating Jeunesse Esch of Luxembourg 5-0 at Parkhead. Disaster for Rangers at Ibrox in the Cup-Winners' Cup. They only draw 0-0 with Twente.

Better performances from Scottish clubs in the U.E.F.A. Cup first-legs.

Dundee United beat Bold Club 2-0 and Aberdeen draw 0-0 with RWD Molenbeek in Belgium.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: (7) Berwick
HIGHEST GATES: Aberdeen v Celtic 25,000
St Mirren v Rangers 25,000
TABLE TOP: Dundee United
TOTAL GOALS: 61.
PREMIER: Total Attendance: 63,000

Week Ending SEPTEMBER 24 . . .

MAN. UTD. KICKED-OUT

LOOKS like "The Doc" is in the dock! Docherty, having agreed to take over at Derby over the weekend, is now being firmly reminded from Norway that he'd signed a two-year agreement with Champions Lillestrom a fortnight earlier. The angry Norwegians are going to call on U.E.F.A. to try and sort-out the two-way contract row.

Meanwhile, back at Derby, deposed manager Colin Murphy looks unlikely to accept an offer to be "The Doc's" assistant.

U.E.F.A. discuss Manchester United's fan troubles in France, but make no public announcement about a possible ban yet.

Early in the week, too, comes back that man Best. Seemingly having settled his dispute with Fulham, the controversial Irish genius is expected to be back in the line-up on Saturday.

For the second time in a fortnight, Wales are held to a 0-0 draw by Kuwait, just to prove these oil-states aren't a soccer pushover any more.

Now it's happened — and Manchester United are kicked-out of Europe. They'll be appealing — largely on the grounds, that St-Etienne should have done more to segregate rival supporters — and now can only wait, and keep fingers crossed.

A morale boost for United, though, comes from Q.P.R., due to entertain them in a few weeks' time. The Londoners are planning no special precautions, with secretary Ron Phillips saying: "We've never had any trouble from United fans ourselves, and we don't expect any next time."

Good news for England is Wembley has been granted the European Cup Final next May — and all that now

remains is to hope Liverpool will be there to play in it.

Bestie's back, playing his first game in Belfast for seven years — but Blanchflower's Bhoyoes hardly impress in beating Iceland 2-0 in a World Cup qualifier.

This season's fan-violence is already rearing its ugly head — in gates and receipts. And clubs are counting-up the lost support when a "notorious" club and its fans are the visitors.

Clough strikes again — and the man he's been after, Derby midfielder ace Archie Gemmill, finally lands up at Forest.

Saturday sending-off time again — and this week four players get the chop. Many bookings, too, with at least one ref needing a police escort out of the ground.

Manchester City lead the League, though only on slender goal-difference from Forest — winning 3-0 at Leicester — and the inevitable Liverpool. But things are looking grim for a once-great side in Newcastle — only two points from seven games. Will it be "AWAY the lads" — to Division Two — in the Spring?

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 4 — Mansfield, Oxford.
TOTAL GOALS: 84.
HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Foley (Oxford v Chester).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Man City; Div 2, Spurs; Div 3, Colchester; Div 4, Southend.
HIGHEST GATE: 48,359 — Liverpool v Derby.
TOTAL GATE: 549,486.
AVERAGE GATE: 13,083.

CELTIC £OSS

IT'S bad news week for the Old Firm . . . with Rangers in particular not looking too happy with life.

The Ibrox club issue a statement to their fans not to travel to Holland for next week's European Cup-Winners' Cup First Round second-leg tie against Twente . . . unless they have tickets.

The message is broadcast to fans before the game against Ayr United.

And Derek Johnstone gets the message about field violence when he is suspended for three games for being sent-off in Berne in the preliminary round of the ECWC against Young Boys.

And the other half of the Old Firm Celtic announce a loss of £59,317.

But the big news of the week is undoubtedly Scotland's triumph against Czechoslovakia in the World Cup qualifying game at Hampden. The win, thanks to goals from Joe Jordan,

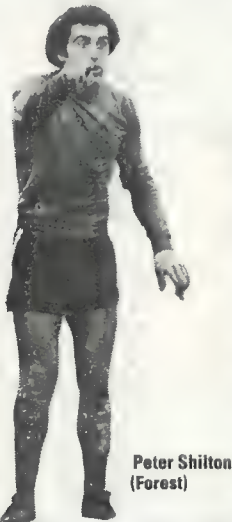
Asa Hartford and Kenny Dalglish is impressive and the Scots become favourites to win the section with only a game against Wales remaining.

To complete a fine double, the Under-21 side crush the Czechs 2-1 in the European Championship game.

On the transfer front Dundee United turn down a bid by Newcastle for Dave Narey which they say is "ridiculously low."

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

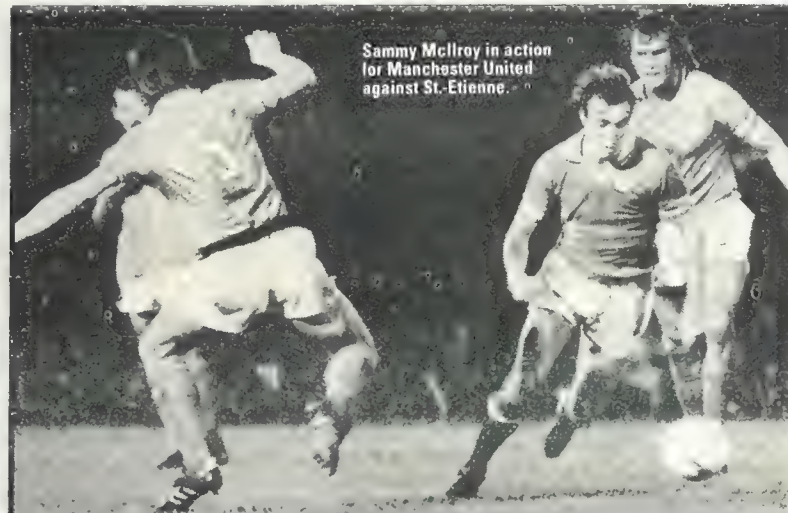
HIGHEST SCORE (5) Meadowbank
HIGHEST GATES: Rangers v Ayr 20,000
Celtic v Clydebank 20,000
TABLE TOP: Aberdeen
TOTAL GOALS: 62.
PREMIER: Total Attendance: 67,000



Peter Shilton
(Forest)



Cyrille Regis (W.B.A.)



Sammy McIlroy in action
for Manchester United
against St-Etienne.

1977-78 SEASON IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

Week Ending OCTOBER 1 . . .

'CUT-PRICE' HALES

"THE Doc's" at Derby — and, as has happened with his other posts, it looks like there'll be many comings-and-goings. Gemmill has already gone, with reluctance says Docherty, but it now looks as if Derek Hales and Leigh-ton James may also be on the move.

United are relieved — and, in a strange but welcome turnabout, U.E.F.A. respond to the eloquent pleadings of the highly respected Sir Matt Busby. So the Manchester Reds are allowed back into Europe — "on probation", and with a £7,500 fine — but must play their return game with St. Etienne at least 125 miles from Old Trafford.

For years, Alan Mullery was a Tottenham stalwart. Now, as Brighton's lively manager, he's up there battling-out, top-spot in the Second Division table with Spurs. Already people are wondering if Mullery's sparkling side can progress from Third to First Division in successive seasons.

West Ham get in with a cut-price £110,000 for Derek Hales who cost Derby £300,000 from Charlton only nine months ago.

Manager on the move is Sheffield United's Jimmy Sirrel — parting "by mutual consent" — but, unlike some, at least he has the consolation of a £13,000 pay-off.

A European night in mid-week brings mixed fortunes for British clubs, but a personal triumph for Trevor Whymark. The Ipswich striker nets four as Sweden's Landskrona are crushed 5-0. And there's Turkish delight for Villa, who eliminate Fenerbache 6-0 on aggregate.

New Q.P.R. boss Frank Sibley, the

First Division's youngest manager, is certainly trying to shuffle the pack he inherited from Dave Sexton. He buys back former Ranger Martyn Busby from Notts County, sells Dave Webb to Leicester, and is now after Bristol City's Geoff Merrick as well as Roger Davies.

Another new boss, Sammy Chung, makes his debut in the big-transfer market when he gets Blackburn 'keeper Paul Bradshaw to Wolves for £150,000.

Honours go to Manchester in the weekend two-match confrontation with Merseyside — United beating Liverpool 2-0, and City drawing 1-1 at Goodison.

George Best — who can never keep out of the news for long — is involved, innocently, in an incident at Palace in which Ian Evans breaks a leg. Evans, a key member of the Welsh World Cup squad, is likely to be out for the rest of the season.

On a happier note, the old Docherty magic starts working in a new setting as Derby blitz Middlesbrough 4-1 for their over-due first League victory.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 4 — Derby; Brentford; Huddersfield.
TOTAL GOALS: 121.
HAT-TRICKS: 2 — Richards (Wolves v. Leicester); Hatton (Blackpool v. Cardiff).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Man. City; Div 2, Brighton; Div 3, Gillingham; Div 4, Southend.
HIGHEST GATE: 55,109 — Man. Utd. v. Liverpool.
TOTAL GATE: 505,160.
AVERAGE GATE: 14,408.

DISASTER FOR DONS

MIXED European fortunes for Scotland. Celtic thrash the amateurs of Jeunesse 6-1 in Luxembourg to record an 11-1 aggregate win in the European Cup, but Rangers crash 3-0 in Holland to Twente and their interest in the Cup-Winners' Cup comes to an abrupt end.

Likewise news for Aberdeen in the U.E.F.A. Cup. After drawing 0-0 in the first-leg in Belgium, The Dons go down 2-1 to RWD Molenbeek at Pittodrie.

Dundee United say goodnight too with a 3-2 aggregate defeat to Bold Club after a 2-0 win at Tannadice.

In the Anglo-Scottish Cup it's a fifty-fifty situation with Hibs beating Blackburn and St Mirren beating Fulham, George Best and all, in a highly entertaining game at Love Street.

However, Partick Thistle lose to Bristol City at Ashton Gate after beating

them at Firhill and Notts County beat Motherwell. The Semi-Final draw brings Notts and St Mirren and Bristol and Hibs together.

The see-saw at the top of the League continues with Dundee United back on top of Aberdeen as The Dons drop a point to Motherwell at Fir Park.

Rangers continue to improve with a 4-1 win over Clydebank at Ibrox, but in freak wind conditions they really could have been four, instead of one, down at half-time.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: (5) Dumbarton.
HIGHEST GATE: Celtic v Hibs 26,000.
TABLE TOP: Dundee United.
TOTAL GOALS: 48.
PREMIER: Total Attendance: 58,000.

Week Ending OCTOBER 8 . . .

LONDON 'HAT-TRICK'

FORMER England boss Sir Alf Ramsey admits he's getting himself into a job he doesn't want! Since reluctantly taking over as "caretaker", Birmingham are winning regularly — and Sir Alf is having his arm twisted to stay on permanently.

It's a tough start for Derek Hales at West Ham. His new club crash at home to Middlesbrough, and Hales himself is carried off injured.

Ron Greenwood names his first competitive squad for the World Cup qualifier in Luxembourg. Six Liverpool lads are still there — but, amongst three uncapped players, an interesting inclusion is Brighton's young scoring sensation, Peter Ward.

Mid-week sees most First Division clubs playing their ninth game of the season — and, already, Forest are two points clear at the top. Ipswich (with five of Greenwood's squad) are smashed 4-0 — all four coming from the prolific Peter Withe. And there's a moment of real "old-time" magic as Bestie bags one of Fulham's four off Burnley.

Plymouth agree to stage Manchester United's troublesome home Euro tie — and all is quiet on that Western front as St. Etienne are efficiently eased-out. And peace rules O.K. as 27,245 United fans at Old Trafford also behave themselves impeccably while they watch the win on six giant TV screens.

For the second time in two years, Sheffield, the birthplace of modern soccer, is a city without a manager. With Len Ashurst joining Jimmy Sirrel on the chopping-block, both clubs have again seen off their managers within a few

days of each other.

Two big transfers may be in the offing. Dave Sexton has been back to his old club, Q.P.R., inquiring about Gerry Francis — and he'd also like Phil Parkes to succeed veteran Alex Stepney in the United goal.

And the managerial roundabout goes on — with Ron Fenton sacked at Notts County, and Jimmy Sirrel bouncing-back quickly into his old job there.

London hasn't exactly been a happy hunting-ground for recent season's soccer — and on Saturday it scores an unenviable hat-trick. Three players are sent-off — Palace's George Graham (for the second time in two weeks), Arsenal's Peter Simpson, and Charlton's Jim Giles. Merseyside adds to the capital's misery with Liverpool beating Chelsea, and revitalised Everton winning 5-1 at Q.P.R.

Once-proud Sheffield Wednesday are bottom of the Third Division, but Saturday evening brings a new ray of hope when Jack Charlton returns to the fray as their new boss.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Everton; Spurs.
TOTAL GOALS: 104.
HAT-TRICKS: 2 — Latchford (Everton v Q.P.R.); Bates (Shrewsbury v. Port Vale).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Forest; Div 2, Bolton; Div 3, Gillingham; Div 4, Watford.
HIGHEST GATE: 43,177 — Man. City v. Arsenal.
TOTAL GATE: 554,724.
AVERAGE GATE: 12,900.

CELEBRATION

TRANSFERS: permanent and temporary make the headlines. Hibs international sweeper John Blackley joins Newcastle for £100,000.

Rangers' one-time international striker Colin Stein is loaned to First Division Kilmarnock for three months after the tragic death of the Ayrshire club's striker Ian Fallis in a car crash.

Signs of the times in the First Division. Morton manager Benny Rooney is named MacKinlay's Personality of the Month and his team celebrate immediately with a 5-3 win over Hearts.

Significant results in the Premier too, with Celtic losing 1-0 to Partick Thistle and Rangers winning at Tannadice and Aberdeen scoring a really good 4-0 win over St Mirren at Love Street.

In the Second Division, the clubs who were to end up being promoted Clyde and Raith Rovers, draw 0-0.

But throughout the country there is

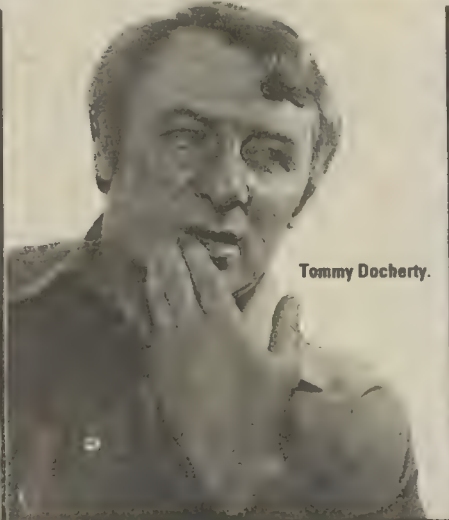
talk of only one game.

Next Wednesday, October 12, Scotland face Wales at Anfield, Liverpool in the World Cup qualifying tie. Victory for the Scots wins the prize of a place in the Finals in Argentina. The match will be broadcast live on television, but everyone wants to be there.

Manager Ally MacLeod says the words a nation wants to hear: "Class will tell at Anfield next Wednesday . . ."

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: (5) Morton.
HIGHEST GATE: Dundee United v Rangers 17,000.
TABLE TOP: Aberdeen.
TOTAL GOALS: 64.
PREMIER: Total Attendance: 56,800



Tommy Docherty.



Kenny Dalglish (left).
Paul Bradshaw (right).



Derek Hales
(West Ham).

my soccer scene
**GORDON
 HILL**

'DERBY COUNTY one big happy family'



THERE'S no way I would have signed for Tommy Docherty, if I hadn't been confident Derby County can achieve success next season.

The Doc is a winner, he hates coming second at anything. In two years under him at Manchester United I played the best football of my career, reached two Wembley Finals, competed in Europe and won England caps.

At the moment I'm out of the full international squad. But a return to form in the England 'B' tour and with Derby next term can help to get me back into the reckoning for the European Championship.

Those are my aims for 1978-79... success for Derby and regain my place in the full England team.

I'm so excited about kicking off the new season with Derby County that I can't wait for the break to end.

Not only have I teamed-up with my old boss at the Baseball Ground, but also Frank Blunstone, who was in charge of the youngsters at Old Trafford during The Doc's reign.

Now Frank is assistant-manager

with a lot more control over team affairs.

I've always got on well with Frank, one of the most respected coaches in the game.

Another former United colleague at Derby is of course, Eire international midfielder Gerry Daly, whose service enabled me to score many goals for The Reds.

I'm also looking forward to playing alongside Charlie George.

Like me he's a Londoner. Brash, cocky, confident with a vast range of skills scarce in this country at the moment. It's a shame he's not displaying his talents in the international arena. Still, that's another story.

I've known Charlie for some time now and we've had a few laughs off the park.

For Derby I'm sure we'll enjoy a successful partnership because our playing styles will blend.

In fact, I've been told I'm to operate more as a twin striker with Charlie instead of being an out-and-out winger. I'm being given virtually a free role on the field.

The boss has already said he wants me to score goals above all else and not to spend time working as an extra defender.

Over dinner at the Mottram Hall Hotel in Cheshire, the night I signed for Derby, Tommy Doc told reporters "In a bad season Hilly will

get 20 goals for me. In a good season... well, who knows?"

There's so much talent at the Baseball Ground, how can I possibly fail to live up to The Doc's expectations? The squad here is as strong, if not stronger, than most of the other clubs in the First Division.

I know The Doc told Scottish stars Don Masson and Bruce Rioch they can go, but it's not my place to comment on that decision.

With or without them I'm still sure Derby are good enough to seriously challenge for top honours in 1978-79.

What a pleasure it will be playing with instead of against defenders such as the brilliant young Dave Langan, the experienced David Nish, Colin Todd and Roy McFarland.

Then there's 'keeper John Middleton, wingers Gerry Ryan and Terry Curran, Paul Barlett, Steve Buckley, Peter Daniel and Colin Chesters.

But for injuries to key players such as Dave Nish and Roy McFarland last season, I'm sure The Rams would have ended higher than their mid-table position.

The first thing that struck me when I first walked into the Baseball Ground... apart from the autograph book aimed by one eager young fan... was the warm, friendly atmosphere.

I got the feeling everyone from Chairman George Hardy down to the tea lady was part of one big happy family.

I was made to feel at home from the start. The players and staff went out of their way to welcome me to my new surroundings.

The fans too, were tremendous. I

Gordon scores Manchester United's first goal against Derby at Old Trafford last season.



received a super reception from them when I watched The Rams play Leicester a few days after my arrival.

They had obviously forgiven me for helping United beat Derby twice in the First Division during the season . . . and robbing them of F.A. Cup glory in 1975-76.

Remember, I scored the two goals which knocked The Rams out of the Semi-Finals that season.

Promise

As one newspaper pointed out, that defeat in the Cup was the beginning of Derby's decline.

Well, I can't be blamed for that. Although I can promise all Derby fans I'll be doing my best to help get the team back on top.

I couldn't play against Leicester because at the time Derby could still have been relegated mathematically.

Leicester were already doomed, so the game was a typical end-of-season affair. At least, we won 4-1.

I made my first appearance for The Rams against Champions Nottingham Forest in the testimonial for Brian Clough and Peter Taylor at the City Ground on May 1st.

Derby lost 2-1 and although I felt whacked at the end was quite pleased with my performance. But the result didn't really matter, it was the occasion that made the afternoon so memorable.

Good luck to Cloughie and his Champs.

My second match for Derby and League debut was against F.A. Cup runners-up Arsenal at the Baseball Ground on May 9th. As you know, I scored and we won 3-0 to end what was a remarkable season for me.

So, goodbye 1977-78 . . . here's to 1978-79 and a super season for The Rams.

Before I close this week I must mention the big match at Hampden this Saturday (May 20th). In case you need reminding, Scotland are playing England and will be confident of victory to repeat last season's success and to arrive in Argentina as British Champions.

Despite England's recent run of form Hampden is never an easy place to get a result.

My forecast is a draw, possibly 2-2.

I only wish I could be there wearing the white shirt for England.

There is some consolation. Next Saturday I fly out with the England B squad to start their tour of New Zealand, Malaysia and Hong Kong. But more about that next week.

Cheers for now . . .

George Hounslow

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When writing to us please mention the two features you liked best in the latest issue of SHOOT!

This week's Star Letter comes from Michael McGillicuddy of Bexleyheath in Kent, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

BRUCE RIOCH A TRUE SCOT?

WITH the World Cup Finals almost upon us, it is only natural the hopes and aspirations of Scotland have been commanding attention. So to continue this trend, I will now bring your attention to a Focus On Bruce Rioch, printed in your July 11th, 1970, issue.

Bruce has maintained he is a "true Scot" and has always been one. He said in SHOOT the other week: "I'm a Scot from hair-parting to toe-nails."

At the time of the Focus, Bruce was an Aston Villa player. Here is a selection of his answers:

PERSONAL AMBITION: To do well in business
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for England . . . to appear in the F.A. Cup Final . . . and to help Villa get back where they belong in the First Division

ENEMIES: None
FAMOUS RELATIONS: None
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Bobby Charlton (Man. Utd.)

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS: England and Manchester United

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Scotland

was lucky enough to score two goals
BIGGEST THRILL: When I heard I had been selected for the F.A. tour of New Zealand, as I was recovering from a cartilage operation at the time

STRESSFUL MOMENT: Relegation

occasionally

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Cinema, golf, tennis, a potter in the garden now and then, buying clothes, watching soccer at Wembley

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Speeches

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Any sports programme

Joking aside, Bruce didn't realise at the time he was eligible for Scotland. However, if he's reading this I expect he'll throw up his hands in horror!

● Good spotting! It can be unfair to dig up the past, but I'll leave everyone to draw his or her own conclusion.

No Respect

WATCHING the England/Brazil game on T.V., I noticed only one England player — Joe Corrigan — singing our National Anthem. All the Brazilians joined in with theirs.

SIMON RAMUS,
HOUNSLOW.

● Sadly, the National Anthem seems to mean little at Wembley. Not only is "God Save The Queen" ignored, but other Anthems are abused. Anyone who does that is surely not a true fan.

Honest Phil

IT'S disgraceful Phil Thompson was fined £300 for his "professional foul" in the League Cup Final. Thompson gave an honest answer to the T.V. reporter afterwards — and it seems most pros agreed with him anyway.

JULIE YABSLEY,
BRISTOL.

● Are the F.A. going to fine every player who admits to a similar foul? Surely every deliberate foul is against the spirit of the game, therefore bringing the game into disrepute? I don't condone Thompson's bringing down of John O'Hare, but the F.A. punishment was harsh. Surely Thompson had the worst punishment of all — Forest won the League Cup from the resulting penalty.

Disgraceful

I think it's disgraceful clubs let their players go to the United States before the end of our season. To field a weakened side is neither sporting nor does it provide value for money for the public. The sooner this matter is sorted out the better it will be for English soccer.

GUY HILL,
BRADFELD.

● Surely by knowingly fielding a weakened side a club is bringing the game into disrepute (see previous letter)? Fans have a right to expect their club to field the strongest team in every match. The League have even handed out fines to top teams for "resting" players! The Americans appear to be getting privileged treatment.

Some Game!

READ with interest a little while ago your report on the South East Asia game between Indonesia and Thailand which said the match ended in a riot.

It was more than that! Indonesia left-winger Andi Lala was sent-off and tried to grab a policeman's pistol. He was promptly thumped by the strong arm of the Law!

On the field, players were attacking each other with the Thais using their version of boxing to defend themselves. Even the subs joined in the footbrawl!

RONNIE CHEOK,
SINGAPORE 15.

● And we think we have troubles in Britain . . . !



Div.1

(Read across for home results and down for away results)

	ARSENAL	ASTON VILLA	BIRMINGHAM C.	BRISTOL C.	CHELSEA	COVENTRY C.	DERBY CO.	EVERTON	IPSWICH T.	LEEDS U.	LEICESTER C.	LIVERPOOL	MAN. CITY	MAN. UTD.	MIDDLESBROUGH	NEWCASTLE U.	NORWICH C.	NOTTM. FOREST	Q.P.R.	W.B.A.	WEST HAM	WOLVES
ARSENAL		0-1	1-1	4-1	3-0	1-1	1-3	1-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-0	3-0	3-1	1-0	2-1	0-0	3-0	1-0	4-0	3-0	3-1
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ALL THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Div.3

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BLACKPOOL	5-2		0-2	0-1	3-1	1-1	3-0	5-1	3-1	1-2	3-0	2-1	1-2	2-2	2-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-2
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RESULTS FOR 1977-78

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YORK C.	1-2	1-2	0-0	3-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-0	1-1	2-0	0-3	2-0	2-2	0-2	1-2	2-1	2-1	2-1	0-0	0-4	1-1	

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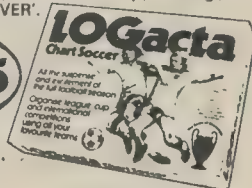
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bal arrows: "When I first came here the club was crumbling like a badly-built brick wall. One push and the whole lot would have fallen into the Third Division."

He adds: "It's great for the whole of Nottingham. The city has

From 'no-hoppers' to a fantastic first-time 'double'

AFTER a barren spell lasting almost twenty years, Nottingham Forest have finally toppled the giants of the North and broken their tight stranglehold on two of the major domestic honours.

It's been a sweet return to top flight football for Forest's remarkable manager Brian Clough and his assistant Peter Taylor.

Forest have become the first team to capture both the Championship and League Cup in the same season after being rated as "no-hoppers" way back in August.

Now Nottingham has suddenly become the city that everyone is talking about. The attention of national newspapers, radio and TV stations from all around the world has been focused on the City Ground in an amazing nine months.

Clough and Taylor have set the charges for a red-and-white explosion in a City which boasts the legendary Robin Hood as its hero.

But Clough can fire his own ver-

'The club was crumbling like a badly-built wall' — manager Brian Clough



really come alive since we started on our run of success and interest in the club has blossomed."

There were quite a few raised eyebrows in the football world when Clough decided to step into the Forest hot seat. The club were fighting desperately to get out of the Second Division along with neighbours Notts County and crowd figures were touching a mere 11,000 for each home game.

Says Clough: "Now things are just a bit different. It's been a tough battle to get where we are now, but you must take the good times with the bad."

"We came smiling through in the end and that's all we have really been bothered about. But if things hadn't worked out as planned I don't know where I, or the club, might be now."

Forest have taken the title with an entertaining and attractive

style, despite their small first team pool. But Clough has been pleased with the way each member of his side has played under the tremendous pressure of a possible "double".

"The possible of first a treble then a double was on all season, but the players just carried on as normal. We played the game, and won the title in style. That's the way the game should be played."

"You can win the League in a number of ways. But the best type has always been to keep going and please the crowd."

The club has won respect throughout the country and Forest seem to have built a side capable of dominating English football for at least the next three years.

Everywhere you look in the talented Forest line-up there is a player who has contributed something special to an amazing year.

Clough, the man of a million headlines during his days at both Derby and Leeds, was determined to build a side that was good enough to win the European Cup.

Many people doubted the signing of goalkeeper Peter Shilton because of his age and even more were sceptical when Kenny Burns joined the club last summer from Birmingham City.

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Nottingham Forest won the League Cup for the first time in their history, after beating Liverpool. Here, the Midlanders proudly parade the trophy.

NOTTINGHAM Forest had their most memorable season in 1977/78 by becoming the first side to win the double of League Championship and League Cup. That hardly tells the story of Fabulous Forest, who, as their manager Brian Clough would say, have done it with style. Clough and right-hand man Peter Taylor had a testimonial on May Day, where the trophies were proudly paraded. Our photographer was at the City Ground.



Goalkeeper Peter Shilton — the Players' Player of the Year — collects safely as Derby attack.



Captain John McGovern with the Championship trophy.

FOREST MAKE HISTORY



Nottingham Forest — League
Champions 1977/78.



Kenny Burns, the Footballer of
the Year, clears his lines.

SHOOT!

THE AMAZING SAGA OF NOTTINGHAM FOREST

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But Peter Taylor was quick to stress: "These two lads have been first rate — but then all the side has been — during the club's greatest-ever season.

"Brian and I knew what some people were saying. But who has been proved right? Kenny is the Footballer of the Year and Peter was given the P.F.A. award. What more can you ask for?"

Peter Shilton, rated by Taylor as the world's number one goalkeeper, describes Clough as the best in the business. He said: "We have achieved success by playing open attractive football which has given the fans great enjoyment.

"I have experienced disappointments in my career and now to be in a Championship side is just marvellous. Our success has been achieved as a result of a lot of things rolled into one — motivation, attention to basics that has

made it all look so simple, but behind it there has been a tremendous amount of hard work and detail.

"Everybody has worked as a true professional and have gained a wonderful reward."

Shilton has certainly had to wait for success. He was in the Leicester City side which was defeated in the 1969 F.A. Cup Final against Manchester City. He experienced relegation the same season and suffered a similar fate in 1976-77 with Stoke.

Taylor says Shilton is worth fourteen points a season and when he signed for Forest prospects looked excellent for winning the Championship.

Taylor is also pleased with the support Forest have slowly massed over the past nine months.

"When we first started here it was difficult to get crowds anywhere near the City Ground. But when John McGovern was given the Championship trophy there was almost 40,000 people in the ground.

"With luck things might go even higher next term. It's a long time since there was any European football in this city and I'm sure the fans are looking forward to watching the kind of teams they normally see on TV or read about in the papers."

Interest in the club has pushed up the crowd figures and increased takings at the Forest souvenir shop.

They are already planning to improve the City ground with the money taken this season and are hoping to install an electronic scoreboard behind one of the goals before the start of the new season.

Admits the club secretary, Mr. Ken Smales: "With more people it also creates problems in certain departments. There is a lot of things we want to improve, but it all takes time.

"The sudden interest in the club has brought in money so we will be able to make changes."

Forest are already looking ahead to the new season. They face a Charity Shield game at Wembley on August 12th against Ipswich and Clough has hinted there could be some new faces in the side.

"We want to go on improving our team. Once you have got to the top then everyone wants to knock you off again. Peter and I have had a look at a number of players and we should be able to make at least two new signings before the new season."

Clough's biggest problem will be who to leave out of a very successful outfit. "It will be hard on some players. But they know the score and I won't keep anything behind closed doors."

There has already been a great demand for season tickets as the

club prepare for their first season in Europe for almost ten years.

Clough adds: "This club has done more in one season for this city than the politicians have done in ten years. That's the pulling power of a football team. We hope we can keep it going."



'Crowds might go even higher next term' — assistant-manager Peter Taylor



'A tremendous amount of hard work involved' — big signing Peter Shilton



Forest winger John Robertson (right) in action against Coventry City. The match ended in a 0-0 draw, a point that clinched the title

Good and bad news for Sweden

WEDNESDAY, April 12th, 1978, will always be remembered with mixed feelings by Swedish national team manager George Ericson.

In the morning midfield ace Bo Larsson of Champions Malmö FF at last announced he will play for Sweden again. The 66 times capped Larsson has not been available for the national team since 1974. Although 34-years-old, he is still considered to be the best Swedish player ever.

The importance of Larsson's presence to the Swedish World Cup squad could only be compared with what Bobby Charlton in top form meant to the

English team, for example, in 1966.

In the afternoon, however, Ericson was sad when it was announced skipper Björn Nordqvist was suffering from a form of jaundice. Nordqvist, who was on 107 caps, had to miss vital training, but the illness wasn't as bad as first thought and Nordqvist returned early in May. If he played against Czechoslovakia (unknown as we go to Press, but likely) he'll beat Bobby Moore's 108-cap record against Brazil in Argentina.

● Picture shows Sweden goalkeeper Ronnie Hellström getting in the mood for the Finals.



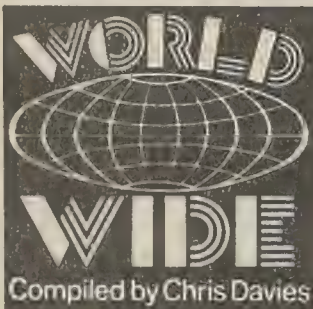
MADRID SPENDING SPREE

ATLETICO MADRID celebrated their 75th Anniversary with a friendly against Brazil (the Brazilians won 3-0) and by spending nearly half a million pounds on the transfer market. They bought midfielder Gazman and striker Gonzalez from neighbours Rayo Vallecano for £300,000, and paid Burgos £170,000 for goalkeeper Navarro. Burgos seem to specialise in selling goalkeepers — last year they sold Manzanedo to Valencia for £225,000 and paid only £25,000 for Navarro...



Fans sour Final

● Only 50,000 fans turned out to watch the Spanish Cup Final, with Barcelona beating Las Palmas 3-1 in a poor game. All the Barcelona goals came from set-pieces, with Rexach (above) netting a penalty and a free-kick, and Asensi heading home a Rexach corner. Brindisi scored Las Palmas' consolation goal with a centre that dropped into the far corner of the net. The sour note of the evening was the behaviour of the Las Palmas fans, who repeatedly showered the pitch with bottles.



● A lot of people have said Johan Cruyff's refusal to play for Holland in the World Cup is due to financial reasons, but there's strong evidence Johan has actually lost a lot of money by not playing. Apart from an astronomical fee, a Japanese sports equipment manufacturer had offered the Dutch ace no less than £275,000 to wear their boots in Argentina. It's nice to be able to turn down that sort of money!

NEWS FLASHES

Kevin Keegan won't be playing European football next season. Hamburger SV haven't qualified for any of the three competitions.

Ajax striker Ruud Geels has signed for Barcelona for £200,000... Ajax paid slightly less for former Mansfield star Ray Clarke of Sparta Rotterdam to replace him.

Holland will be without the following stars in Argentina, all have refused to travel: Johan Cruyff, Jan van Beveren, Willy van der Kuylen, Ruud Geels, Eddie Treutel and Kees Kist.

Argentina defender Osvaldo Piazza received special permission from Saint-Etienne to leave for Argentina early, even though there were still six League games to be played. However, after a few days Piazza was forced to fly back to France after his wife had a bad car accident.

West German captain Berti Vogts has turned down the offer of a contract worth £60,000. The firm in question make hairpieces and as the blond defender is losing his hair rather quickly, they saw him as the ideal model. Vogts wasn't interested.

Argentina's left-winger Daniel Bertoní provided the only bright note in a poor match between the national team and a

Cosmos influence

ARGENTINIAN astrologer Professor Waffman claims to have accurately predicted most of the major events in recent years — and he's now predicting good World Cup performances for Argentina and France, who are both "favoured by the sign of Cancer". He adds "the Cosmos will have a profound influence on the World Cup."

Professor Waffman is certainly right there. After all, the Cosmos have signed Franz Beckenbauer, who won't be released to play for West Germany!

side from Tandil. Bertoní's fifth minute goal was struck so hard it went straight through the net!

Hans Damker will be the only West German in their World Cup delegation who will officially be able to take his wife to Argentina. Damker, 65, is the cook of the national team, and now he will also have to cater for 45 German journalists staying in the same hotel, the F.A. are paying for his wife to be his assistant.

The Argentinian government has designated a special brigade of 5,000 soldiers under the command of General Pita to take care of security arrangements during the World Cup.

For reaching the Semi-Finals of the European Cup-Winners' Cup the players of Grasshoppers (Zurich) received a bonus of £4,000, which is not bad for part-time professionals and more than many full professional teams have been paid.

Bulgaria's Under-21 team manager Georgi Nikolov was killed when a scheduled flight of the Bulgarian State Airline crashed on its way to Warsaw.

A match in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, was postponed after police arrested the referee on the field and accused him of smoking pot — marijuana — in his dressing-room before the game.

Valletta are the 1977/78 Champions of Malta. Last year's Champions, Floriana, finished fifth.

According to Minelli, manager of Brazil Champions São Paulo, the secret of his team's success is "we train for five hours a day."

IN a newspaper advert in Lyon, France, a desperate young woman published the following marriage advert to find a husband: "The man I seek must not talk or even think about football. On no account must he mention football in the house. I prefer men who have never heard of football."

The woman signed the advert "the former wife of a footballer who could talk about nothing else."



DOUBLE FOR COLOGNE

1. FC Cologne have won The Double in West Germany. After beating Fortuna Düsseldorf in the Cup Final (here's captain Heinz Flohe afterwards) they took the Bundesliga title on goal-difference from Borussia Mönchengladbach.

The man behind Cologne is Hennes Weisweiler, who made Borussia into one of Europe's top teams. After a brief stay in Barcelona, where his differences with Johan Cruyff cost him his job, he returned to Germany.

He said at the time of his appointment two seasons ago: "I need one season to get the team into shape and then we'll be ready to challenge for honours."

Cologne have certainly done that.

● The Antwerp derby between FC Antwerp and Beerschot (0-0) was spoiled by fighting on the terraces. Bottles were thrown on to the pitch and Antwerp's Yugoslav international Karasi said: "I've never seen anything quite as bad as this — and I've seen some terrible things!"

DUMBARTON goalkeeper Lawrie Williams, once coached by Danish international Erik Sorensen, ex-Morton and Rangers, is ready to make the big-time breakthrough himself. Although Lawrie was born in Scotland, his parents are Welsh and he qualifies to play for Wales. Mike Smith, looking for cover for Dai Davies, has already had several reports on the fine form of Williams.

WITHE BID REJECTED

NOTTINGHAM Forest manager Brian Clough recently rejected a £300,000 bid for striker Peter Withe (below). The offer came from relegated West German club St. Pauli.

Peter joined Forest from Birmingham for £40,000 and made a valuable contribution to their title victory.

Said assistant-manager Peter Taylor: "We could have made a lot of money on him, but he's worth more to Forest than cash."



Hooligans 1907 style

YOU may think hooliganism is a relatively new soccer problem, but looking through a 1907 Sheffield Utd./Sunderland programme sent to me by reader Mick Morris I'm not so sure.

On page 11, there are a list of "don'ts" for spectators. They are: DON'T think because you're in the stand you have a right to shout instructions to the players. DON'T boo at the referee if he gives a decision against your team. DON'T commence shouting "send him off" if one of the opposing team fouls your pet player. DON'T make yourself a nuisance by continually bellowing at the top of your voice — it gets on people's nerves. DON'T snap your neighbour's nose off because he thinks differently to you. DON'T get excited and bad tempered when you argue about this player or that.

Seriously — if only these were our main troubles these days!

COLIN HARPER, who gave a brief boost to Eire club Waterford, is returning to England. The former Ipswich full-back compared the standard of football in the League of Ireland to the English Fourth Division.

He also urged the Eire clubs to improve facilities for both players and spectators, if they wanted to win back the "missing fans".

JOHN TREWICK-Albion's "new" Johnny Giles

IT'S been a very good year for young footballers ... Woodcock ... Hoddle ... Brady ... Walker ... and nowhere has the impact of the new pretenders been greater than at The Hawthorns home of West Bromwich Albion.

Two years ago the Albion were only just beginning to find their feet again after a number of disappointing seasons. There were no Ronnie Allen's, Ray Barlow's or Derek Kevan's around.

But now, after the successful renaissance, led by that mercurial Irish Wizard Johnny Giles, the Albion are very much alive again.

The names of Derek Statham and Cyrille Regis have become idolised in the Midlands, and along with both of them Laurie Cunningham was selected in the original squad for the England Under-21 match against Italy recently.

There is another youngster at West Bromwich though who may yet turn out to be the best of the bunch.

John Trewick is a 20-year-old Geordie who has fulfilled the unenviable task of stepping into Giles's midfield role, with notable distinction.

He admits to being envious of his three colleagues and their international selections.

"While I think it's great the other lads have been called up, I can't help feeling envious. I'm sure they were helped by the fact we had a great Cup run, and they've stolen the headlines.

"But I know if I keep on playing the way I have been doing, there's a chance Ron Greenwood will look at me as well.

"That would be really great. I'm dying to play for England."

Trewick has already experienced that thrill as a 14-year-old schoolboy. He was a member of the England schoolboys team that beat West Germany 4-1 at Wembley, and he scored one of the goals.

"There were 60,000 or 70,000 screaming kids in the stadium that day and it was a tremendous occasion. I'd love to go back to Wembley, either with Albion or as a member of an England team."

John almost fulfilled that ambition last season, but Ipswich beat West Brom in the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals.

"I really thought we'd make it," said John. "But that's all behind us



now — it's 1978-79 we've got to think about."

With youngsters such as Trewick the future of Albion looks very bright indeed.

NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

RECORD CROWDS

THE Australian National League (Philips Soccer League), now in its second season, began the 1978 campaign with record crowds. At the beginning of April nearly 16,000 watched the all-Melbourne clash between South Melbourne Hellas and Fitzroy United Alexander.

Coach of Hellas is Dave McLaren, the former Dundee, Leicester, Plymouth, Wolves and Southampton keeper. His brother Roy, also a goalkeeper, is on the coaching staff of Aston Villa.

Among the British players with Hellas is Bertie Lutton, The ex-West Ham, Brighton, Wolves and Northern Ireland international.

PETER Lorimer made his 600th appearance for Leeds against West Ham at Elland Road on April 8th. His great day was spoilt, though, by The Hammers, who won 2-1. Peter also missed a penalty.



More Trophies

SINCE the arrival of manager Jim McLaughlin at Oriel Park, Dundalk, the Eire club have managed to win a major honour every year.

League Champions two seasons back, the border club won the F.A.I. Cup in 1976-77.

Last season they retained the Leinster Senior Cup and captured the Bass League Cup, beating Cork Alberts in the Final.

The Reds in the red

THE £883,000 Manchester United paid out for the transfer of Joe Jordan and Gordon McQueen put the Old Trafford club £350,000 in the red.

United are also spending £300,000 on work required under the new Safety of Sports Ground Act.

All this means it will cost more to watch United at Old Trafford next season. The top season tickets go up from £36 to £45 with the cheapest from £29 to £37.50. Other seat prices are also up and ground admission from 80p to £1.

But it's still good value to watch Manchester United.

ONE manager already looking forward with confidence to next season is Crewe manager Harry Gregg.

"I am very proud of the way the players fought off the threat of re-election. Now we have a base on which to build for the next campaign."

WEST HAM have first option on Millwall's 'keeper Nicky Johns, valued at £200,000. That's the price The Hammers are asking for their unsettled former England Under-23 star Mervyn Day.

Napier Going West?

BRADFORD CITY boss John Napier may soon be "Going West" to snap up playing potential in his native Ulster.

Lurgan-born Napier, who had a lengthy League career with Bolton and Brighton, picked up Northern Ireland honours at four different levels, winning three Schoolboy, 11 Youth and two Under-23 caps, and appearing v. West Germany in a full international, in May, 1966.

Lofly John played in the same Irish Youth team as Pat Jennings and Dave Clements, 15 years ago, and is one of four Ulstermen currently managing League clubs, the others being Terry Neill (Arsenal), Billy Bingham (Mansfield), and Harry Gregg (Crewe).

IPSWICH hit trouble before their F.A. Cup Semi-Final tie against West Brom at Highbury. Their team coach backed into a policeman in a crowded side street and the driver was promptly booked!

Mountford Retires

FRANK MOUNTFORD has decided to retire at the age of 55 following no less than 42 years with Stoke City.

He has taken advantage of the Football League retirement scheme which enables him to retire from the game at 55.

During his playing spell he made 390 appearances before his career came to an end in 1957.

Frank has held a number of appointments at the Victoria Ground including that of trainer, reserve and youth-team coach, and finally the chief-scout responsible for the recruitment of junior players.

LOVE MATCH

BLACKPOOL footballer Brian Wilson has a new goal in life now . . . he's engaged to marry Anne Nolan of BBC TV's singing Nolan Sisters.

Brian met Anne in a Blackpool club where her brother Tommy plays the drums.

"We lived in Blackpool for 12 years when I was younger," says Anne, "and used to go to all of Blackpool's games at home and away with my dad. But I never thought I'd end up marrying one of the team."

The couple plan to marry in June of next year. All on SHOOT wish them happiness.



FORMER Manchester City and England striker Francis Lee could make a name for himself as a jockey!

Frannie recently had his first ride in a competitive race when he rode in a point-to-point event at Kirby Lonsdale.

A racehorse owner, he started riding six months ago. Often seen with Frannie at the races is his one-time Maine Road team-mate Denis Law.



Cherry v Cherry

THERE was an amazing coincidence in the recent England v Brazil game on April 19th. Trevor Cherry (tackling) of Leeds played at full-back for England, and in Brazil's defence was Cerezo (left) . . . which translated into Portuguese (Brazil's language) means Cherry.

GOOD NEWS from Middlesbrough . . . Willie Maddren should be completely recovered from his knee injury in time to kick-off the new season in August.

IS Charlton's full-back Les Berry a target for The Gunners? Apparently Arsenal watched him several times during the season.

Flower Power

WHY can Everton's star Duncan McKenzie be found selling flowers a few yards from the Anfield Kop? Because his wife Dorothy owns a florist's shop in Robson Street, close to the Liverpool ground, and Duncan helps out behind the counter whenever he can.

P.F.A. Chairman and former Northern Ireland striker Derek Dougan returned to his native Belfast recently, where he handed over the "Ulster Footballer of the Year" award to Linfield scoring ace Jimmy Martin, who hit 18 goals in The Blues' 22 Championship-winning games, in 1977-78.

HAPPY DAYS

AFTER having to apply for re-election to the Irish League in 22 of the last 23 seasons, Ireland's oldest club Cliftonville finished fourth in the 1977-78 League Championship, and earned a spot in the lucrative North-South Top Four competition.

What's more, the progressive Reds have already arranged a two-match, pre-season English tour, next August, when they will play Blackpool and Southport.

SHEFFIELD UNITED'S manager, Harry Haslam, needed two attempts before he managed to sign 19-year-old Craig Renwick from East Stirling. After having his first bid for the defender turned down by the Falkirk club, his second, worth £25,000, was accepted.

BRIGHT spot in a bleak season for Newcastle was the progress of their 18-year-old defender David Barton.

SOCCER IN THE STATES

George not at his best

GEORGE BEST has been in trouble again . . . and it was the same old story of missing training.

He disappeared two days before a recent match against Oakland and was promptly fined and relegated to the substitute's bench.

It was the first time he'd been left out by Los Angeles Aztecs since joining them three years ago.

But George himself is not happy. He says: "This is my worst spell since I came to the States. I've also been carrying a toe injury all season."

"There are a lot of things wrong at the club and I'd like to sort them out. I want to see the owners a couple of months ago and gave them a run down of all the things I thought needed to be done if we were to succeed this year. They haven't spoken to me since."

Up to April 30th George had yet to gain a single scoring point this term. You get two for a goal and one for an assist.

HARD SELL

YOU'VE got to hand it to the Americans when it comes to getting fans involved.

A popular half-time feature at most grounds this season is the chance for youngsters to take penalties against the substitute goalkeeper . . . and there are normally hundreds of kids waiting for their chance to take part.

The Americans also know when they're on to a good thing. The rule at most clubs is any youngster taking part has to wear a club shirt or hat.

But they allow all successful kickers to keep the ball when they score.



New Tea Man

NEW man for Noel Cantwell's Boston Tea Men . . . Brian Alderson, signed from Leicester City for £30,000. He joins former Filbert Street team-mate Keith Weller who is there for the summer.

Return for Colin

GOALKEEPER Colin Boulton, given a free transfer by Derby County is playing for Tulsa Roughnecks. Colin hopes to return to the English League next season, though.

GONE TO FURY

RANGERS reserve striker, 21-year-old Martin Henderson, has joined the soccer trail to America by signing for Philadelphia Fury for a £30,000 fee. Martin, who had a three-month spell with Hibs last season, was in Rangers tour of America two years ago. He will team up with recent British signings Alan Ball and Peter Osgood, both Southampton, 'keeper Keith McCrae, ex-Motherwell and Manchester City, and Tony Glavin and Allan Mackin from Queen's Park.

Jagger Welcome

MICK JAGGER, Rolling Stone, soccer fan and cricket lover, has been appointed International Consultant to the Cosmos. Announcing the appointment, the American club's chairman, Neshui Ertegun, said: "Mick will act in the capacity of promotions consultant and make suggestions on the club's world tour at the end of term."

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

SECOND DIVISION

(Continued)

BRISTOL R. (2) 4 (Gould, Randall, White 2)
SHEFF. UTD. (0) 1 (Calvert) 7,659
 Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor, Prince, Barry, Pulis, Gould, White, Randall.
 Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Speight, Franks, Flynn, Woodward, Keeley, Edwards, Hamson (Guy), Stainrod.

CARDIFF (1) 2 (Dwyer 2)
C. PALACE (0) 2 (Chatterton pen., Harkouk) 9,328
 Cardiff: Healey; Thomas, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Grapes, Dwyer, Bishop (Evans), Went, Buchanan.
 Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Holder (Murphy), Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Chatterton, Swindlehurst, Walsh, Harkouk.

CHARLTON (0) 0
HULL (0) 1 (Hawley) 7,014
 Charlton: Wood; Berry, Warman, McAuley, Shipperley, Duggdale, Brisley, Robinson, Flanagan, Peacock, Gritt.
 Hull: Blackburn; Dobson, Nisbet, Bremner, Croft, Roberts, Hawley, Heigh, Warboys, Bannister, Stewart.

LUTON (0) 1 (Stein)
SUNDERLAND (2) 3 (Lee, Rowell, Gregoire) 7,616
 Luton: Knight; Price, Carr, Hill, McNichol, Futch (P), Stein, West (Sperrin), Futch (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Bolton, Gilbert, Kerr, Clarke, Ashurst, Rowell, Armstrong (Gregoire), Lee, Docherty, Rostrom.

NOTTS CO (1) 1 (Vinter)
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Chambers pen.) 7,509
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Chapman, Benjamin, Birchenall, Carter, Hunt, Bradd (Hooks), Mann, Vinter.
 Millwall: Johns; Allen, Moore, Mehmet, Kitchener, Hazell, Lee, Hamilton, Seassman, Pearson, Chambers.

OLDHAM (0) 0
MANFIELD (0) 1 (Miller) 7,224
 Oldham: Platt; Hoolickin, Edwards (D), Hicks (Hilton), Edwards (P), Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Young, Gardner, Chapman.
 Mansfield: Arnold; Pate, Foster (B), Foster (C), Saxby, Bird, Miller, Martin, Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (McAllister)
BOLTON (0) 0 50,097
 Tottenham: Daines; Armstrong, Holmes, Hoddle, McAllister, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Jones, Lee (Moore), Taylor.
 Bolton: McDonagh; Jones (P), Dunne, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Train, Reid, Worthington.

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (2) 2 (Farrell, Robins)
BRADFORD C (1) 2 (Dolan 2, 1 pen.) 4,358
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Hatton, Thomson, Farrell, Stanton, Suddick (Darling), Rowland, Robins, McIlwraith.
 Bradford C: Downsborough; Podd, Wood, Johnson, Baines, Middleton, Cooke, Dolan, Wright, McNiven, Hutchins.

CHESTERFIELD (2) 4 (Fern 2, Cammack, Simpson)
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Binney) 3,996
 Chesterfield: Letheran; Tarrt, Burton, Pollard, Cottam, O'Neill, Cammack, Fern, Simpson, Walker, Kowalski.
 Plymouth: Barron; Harrison, Uzzell, James, Foster, Horswill, Rogers, Taylor, Binney, Fear, Perrin.

EXETER (2) 2 (Bowker, Kellow)
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Nicholl) 3,982
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Weeks, Giles, Hatch, Randell, Kellow, Bowker, Holman, Jennings.
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Engith, Buttress, Overton, Young, Crabbe, Nicholl, Weatherly, Price, Westwood, Hughes.

LINCOLN (1) 4 (Harford 2, Hobson, Graham)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Sweetzer) 4,783
 Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Neale, Hobson, Wigginton, Cooper, Fleming, Harford, Graham, Hubbard, Harding.
 Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Buckley, Stringer, Fallon, Adams (Murray), Streete, Spriggs, Sweetzer, Finney, Biley.

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Butlin)
ROTHERHAM (0) 0 7,098
 Peterborough: Vaughn; Hindley, Hughes, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough (Carmichael), McEwan, Butlin, Anderson, Robson.
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Standcliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Nix.

PORTSMOUTH (2) 3 (Foster, Wilson, Pullar)
CARLISLE (1) 3 (McCartney pen, Tait, Kemp) 5,937
 Portsmouth: Middleton; Wilson, Taylor, Ellis, Foster, Denyer, Pullar, Lathan, Garwood, Piper (S), Mellows.
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Collins, McCartney, McDonald, McLean (Sawyers), Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Kemp, Hamilton.

PORT VALE 0
CHESTER 0 3,615
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Bentley, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Dulson, Chamberlain, Beamish, Froggatt, Moore, Bailey.
 Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Howat, Livermore, Delgado, Mellor, Phillips (Jones).

SHEFF. WED. (1) 2 (Hornsby, Mullen)
OXFORD (0) 1 (Briggs) 10,674
 Sheff. W: Bolder; Walden, Grant, Rushbury, Dowd, Mullen, Wyld, Porterfield, Tynan, Johnson, Hornsby.
 Oxford: Burton; Kingston, Fogg, Briggs, Bodell, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Duncan.

SHREWSBURY (0) 3 (Loughnane, Biggins 2)
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Tynan) 2,364
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Bowers, Keay, Hayes, Lindsey, Irvine, Maguire, Atkins, Biggins, Loughnane.
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Palios, Bramhall, Moore, Tynan, Peplow.

SWINDON 0
COLCHESTER 0 4,596
 Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Ford, Trollope, Carter, Proppett, Moss, Kamara, Bates, McHale (Stroud), Cunningham.
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Williams, Leslie, Packer, Dowman, Foley, Gough, Dyer, Allinson, Wright.

WALSALL (1) 2 (Austin, Bates)
HEREFORD (0) 0 5,162
 Walsall: Kearns; Paul, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, Evans, Dennehy, Bates, Austin, Buckley, Birch.
 Hereford: Mellor; Price, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Barton, Stephens, Sheedy, Crompton, Spring, Emery.

WREXHAM 0
PRESTON 0 19,008
 Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Griffiths (Lyons), Whittle, Cartwright.
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Elwiss, Bruce.

FOURTH DIVISION

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Showers)
ROCHDALE (0) 0 2,549
 Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Miller, Impey, Brown, Borthwick, Johnson (Paterson), Showers, Finnigan, Lennard, Shanahan.
 Rochdale: Shyne; Hallows, Hart, Seddon, Scott, Bannon, Tarbuck, Scaife, Owen, Esser, O'Loughlin.

BRENTFORD (2) 2 (Alder, Phillips pen.)
BARNLEY (0) 0 12,130
 Brentford: Bond; Saiman, Tucker, Shrubbs, Kruse, Graham (W), Carlton, Graham (J), Alder, McCulloch, Phillips.
 Barnley: Springett; Brown, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Prendergast (Nixon), Jolcey, Little, Millar.

CREWE (1) 2 (Coyne 2)
SWANSEA (0) 1 (May) 2,941
 Crewe: Crudgington; Bevan, Roberts, Lugg, Bowles, Rimmer, Davies (D), Collier, Coyne, Purdie (Spence), Cheetham.



Millwall's Brian Chambers scored from the penalty-spot in a 1-1 draw v. Notts County.

Swansea: Barber; Evans, Bartley, James (A), May, Bruton, Moore, James (R), Curtis, Toshack (Morris), Chappell.

HALIFAX (0) 3 (Lawson 2, Dunleavy)
NEWPORT (0) 1 (Goddard pen.) 1,653
 Halifax: Leonard; Trainer, Loake, Smith, Burke, Dunleavy, Firth, Flavell, Bullock, Lawson, Bell.
 Newport: Turner; Byrne, Relish, Aizlewood, Cosslett, Jones, Walker (Lowndes), Goddard, Sinclair, Guscott, Williams.

HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Gibb, Ayre)
STOCKPORT (0) 0 2,379
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Downing, Gibb, Ayre, Smith (G), Creamer, Linacre, Houchen, Foggon, Bielby.
 Stockport: Rogan; Thorpe, Rutter, Lawler, Smith, Park, McBeth, Halford, Summerbee, Jackson, Massey.

NORTHAMPTON 0
DONCASTER 0 2,793
 Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Best, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, McGowan, Reilly, Wassell.
 Doncaster: Peacock; Robinson, Hamsley, Laidlaw, Gray, Taylor, Bowden, Owen, Habbins, Meagan, McConville.

READING 0
GRIMSBY 0 3,379
 Reading: Turner; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Kearney, Kearns, Lewis (Williams), Davies.
 Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Booth, Waters, Moore, Hanvey, Ford, Liddell, Lester, Partridge, Broly.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
WATFORD (1) 1 (Joslyn) 5,202
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Pilling, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Kilmore (Heron), Keeley, Couch, Wigg.
 Watford: Rankin; How, Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Downes, Mayes (Blissett), Jenkins, Joslyn, Pollard.

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Cooper)
ALDERSHOT (2) 2 (Dungworth, Longhorn) 2,613
 Torquay: Wake; Twitchin, Parsons, Raper, Boulton, Dunne, Tomlin, Lawrence, Cooper, Vassallo, Darke (Coffill).
 Aldershot: Johnson; Crosby, Hooper, Dixon, Earls, Jopling, Longhorn, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

WIMBLEDON (2) 2 (Bryant, Leslie)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 2,602
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Briley, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Denny, Connell, Cork, Parsons.
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Sutton, Branagan, Butler, Hart, Howey, Johnson, Gray.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

AYR (1) 2 (McCulloch, McLaughlin pen.)
RANGERS (2) 5 (Johnstone 2, Greig, Smith 2) 13,400
 Ayr: Sproat; Wells, Connor, McSherry, Fleming, Kelly, McCall, McLaughlin, Masterton (McLelland), McCulloch, Crumond.
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean (Parlane), Russell (Miller), Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

CLYDEBANK (1) 3 (McCormack, Lumsden, Colgan)
CELTIC (2) 2 (McCluskey, Burns) 7,000
 Clydebank: Gallacher; Gourlay, Abel, Fallon, Hall, Houston, O'Brien, McCormack, McColl, Lumsden, Colgan.
 Celtic: Latchford; Sneddon, Lynch (Doyle), Aitken, McDonald (Munro), Dowie, Glavin, Edvaldsson, McCluskey, McAdam, Burns.

MOTHERWELL (0) 0
DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 (Fleming) 4,907
 Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Wark, Miller, McLaren, Stevens, Marinello (Kennedy), Pettigrew, Clinging, Davidson, Mungall.
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rennie, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Kirkwood, Bourke, Holt (Robinson), Payne.

PARTICK (0) 0
ABERDEEN (2) 2 (Harper, McMaster) 7,000
 Partick: Rough; McAdam, Whittaker, Gibson, Marr (Mackie), Campbell, Houston, Frame, Love, Somner, Craig (O'Hara).
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Ritchie, McMaster, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Archibald, Harper, Jarvie, Davidson.

ST. MIRREN (1) 3 (Leonard, Reid, McGarvey)
HIBS (0) 0 6,000
 St. Mirren: McCulloch; McGatrick, Beckett, Fitzpatrick (Young), Reid, Copland, Leonard, Stark, Bone (Torrance), Richardson, McGarvey.
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, McNamara, Stewart, Bremner, Murray, McLeod, Hutchinson, Duncan, Higgins.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM 0
IPSWICH 0 19,289
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Gallagher, Howard, Page, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbit, Fox.
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Mills, Osman, Beattie, Osborne, Wark, Turner, Geddis, Woods.

MAN. CITY 0
NOTTM. FOREST 0 43,428
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Power, Doyle, Watson, Owen, Channon, Booth, Kidd, Hartford, Barnes.
 Nottm. F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, O'Hare, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Armstrong)
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Green) 14,184
 Middlesbrough: Brown; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Johnston, Cummins, Shearer, McAndrew, Armstrong.
 Coventry: Blyth; Roberts, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Coop, Green, Wallace, Osgood, Powell, Hutchison.

Q.P.R. (1) 2 (Shanks, Bowles)
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Brady pen.) 25,683
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Shanks, McGee, Busby, James, Bowles, Givens (Goddard).
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young (Matthews), Brady, Rix, MacDonald, Stapleton, Hudson.

SECOND DIVISION

HULL (0) 0
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (MacDougall, Boyer, Ball) 7,299
 Hull: Blackburn; Daniel, Nisbet, Bremner, Croft, Roberts, Hawley (Dobson), Haigh, Warboys, Bannister, Stewart.
 Southampton: Wells; Andreszewski, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Funnell.

THIRD DIVISION

CARLISLE (1) 2 (McVitie 2)
HEREFORD (0) 0 3,846
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Collins, McCartney, MacDonald, McLean, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Kemp, Hamilton.
 Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Cornes, Layton, Marshall, Stephens, Sheedy, Crompton, Davey, Emery.

PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (Robson 2)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 7,309
 Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Hughes, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Butlin, Anderson, Robson.
 Chesterfield: Letheran; Tarrt, Burton, Pollard, Cottam, O'Neill, Cammack, Fern, Simpson (Green), Walker, Kowalski.

PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Foster)
ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Gwyther) 5,018
 Plymouth: Barron; Taylor, Uzzell, James, Foster, Horswill, Harrison, Fear, Finney, Perrin, Rogers.
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Nix.

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Hawkins)
WREXHAM (1) 1 (Lyons) 6,912
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Dulson, Bentley, Ridley, Harris, Hawkins, Bromage, Moore, Froggatt, Beamish (Sutcliffe), Bailey.
 Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Lyons, Whittle, Cartwright.

SWINDON (1) 2 (Stroud, Moss)
WALSALL (0) 3 (Buckley, Prohett o.g., Austin) 3,925
 Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Ford, Trollope, Stroud, Prohett, Moss, Kamara, Bates, McHale, Cunningham.
 Walsall: Kearns; Paul, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, Evans, Dennehy (Clarke), Bates, Austin, Buckley, Birch.

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Peplow)
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Price) 2,076
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Palios, (Cliff), Bramhall, Moore, Tynan, Peplow.
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams (Buttress), Hughes, Overton, Knight, Crabbe, Nicholl, Weatherly, Price, Westwood, Walker.

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FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY (0) 0
SWANSEA (1) 2 (James R. 2) 8,634
 Barnley: Springett; Murphy (Nixon), Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Prendergast, Joicey, Little, Millar.
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Bartley, May, Bruton, Moore, James (R.), Curtis, Conway (James A.), Chappell.

CREWE (1) 2 (Coyne 2)
SOUTHPORT (0) 0 1,957
 Crewe: Cradginton; Bevan, Roberts, Lugg, Bowles, Rimmer, Davies (D), Collier, Coyne, Spence, Cheetham.
 Southport: Cumbe; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neill, Brooks, Fisher, Birchall, Wilson, Jones, Gay, Brookfield (Hilton).

DONCASTER (0) 4 (Laidlaw pen., Meagan, Owen, Habbins)
ALDERSHOT (1) 3 (Brodie 3) 1,595
 Doncaster: Peacock; Robinson, Hemsley, Laidlaw, Gray (Bowden), Cannell, Meagan, Owen, Habbins, Olney, McConville.

Aldershot: Johnson; Dixon, Hooper, Longhorn, Wooler, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Dungworth, Needham, McGregor.

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Partridge)
WATFORD (0) 1 (Pritchett pen.) 7,189
 Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Booth, Waters, Moore, Hanvey, Ford, Donovan, Lester, Partridge, Brolly.
 Watford: Rankin; How (Mercer), Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Downes, Mayes, Jenkins, Joslyn, Pollard.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (McGowan 2) 2,815
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Downing, Gibb, Ayre, Smith (G), Creamer, Linacre (McMordie), Houchen, Foggon, Bielby.
 Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Best, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, McGowan, Reilly, Christie.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Gray)
YORK (1) 2 (Staniforth, McDonald) 2,037
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Mellor, Sutton, Gray, Butler, Goldthorpe, Hart, Johnson.
 York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Topping, Bainbridge, Novacki, Hunter, Randall, McDonald, Staniforth.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

INTERNATIONAL

POLAND (0) 3 (Boniek, Deyna, Mazur)
EIRE (0) 0 at Lodz 25,000
 Poland: Tomaszewski; Szymanowski, Zmuda, Maculewicz, Justek, Boniek, Deyna, Nawalka (Mazur), Lato, Lubanski, Szarmach.
 Eire: Peyton; Gregg, Lawrenson, Synnott, Holmes, Braddish, Giles (Clarke), Grimes, Mucklan, Treacy, Daly (M).

EUROPEAN CUP (Semi-Finals second-leg)

LIVERPOOL (2) 3 (Kennedy, Dalglish, Case)
BORUSSIA MONCHENGLADBACH (0) 0 51,500
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Smith, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, McDermott, Souness.
 Borussia: Kleff; Vogts, Hannes, Wittkamp, Bonhoff, Wohler (Schafer), Del'Haye, Wimmer (Lienen), Nielsen, Kulik, Heynckes.

FIRST DIVISION

LEEDS (0) 2 (Gray, E., Hankin)
DERBY (0) 0 16,531
 Leeds: Harvey; Madeley, Hampton, Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Gray (F.), Gray (E.), Hankin, Currie, Graham.
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Powell, McFarland, Todd, Curran (Bartlett), Daly, Masson, George, Ryan.

W.B.A. (0) 2 (Regis, Mulligan)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 17,321
 W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T.), Robson, Robertson, Cantello, Brown (A.), Regis, Trewick, Cunningham.
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Blackhall, Kennedy, Barton, Nattrass, Mitchell, Barrowclough, Burns, McGhee, Callaghan, Scott.

SECOND DIVISION

STOKE (1) 2 (O'Callaghan, Crooks)
MILLWALL (1) 1 (Seasman) 12,370

Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Richardson, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Conroy.
 Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Allen, Kitchener, Hazell, Lee, Hamilton, Seasman, Pearson, Mehmet.

THIRD DIVISION

CHESTER (2) 3 (Howat 2, Livermore)
OXFORD (0) 1 (Fogg pen.) 2,351
 Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Howat, Mellor, Phillips.
 Oxford: Burton; Kingston, Fogg, Briggs, Bodel, Jeffrey, McGrogan (White), Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Duncan.

FOURTH DIVISION

READING (0)
BRENTFORD (0) 7,139
 Reading: Turner; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Kearney, Kearns, Lewis, Davies.
 Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, Shrubbs, Kruse, Graham (W), Carlton, Graham (J), Allder, McCulloch, Phillips.

SCOTTISH CUP

Semi-Final

ABERDEEN (2) 4 (Fleming 3, Harper pen.)
PARTICK (0) 2 (Melrose 2) at Hampden Park 12,282
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Ritchie, McMaster, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Fleming, Harper, Jarvie, Davidson.
 Partick: Rough; Anderson, Whittaker, Campbell, Marr, Craig (Melrose), Houston, O'Hara, Sommer, Gibson, McQuade.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 (Hegarty)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0 3,550



Ray Kennedy opened the account in Liverpool's 3-0 win against Borussia in the European Cup.

Dundee U: McAlpine; Rennie, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Wallace (Robinson), Bourke (Dods), Stewart, Payne.
 Clydebank: Gallacher; Gourlay, Abel, Fallon, Hall, Houston, O'Brien, McCormack, McCall, Lumsden, Colgan.

HIBS (1) 1 (Higgins)
CELTIC (1) 1 (McCluskey) 10,902
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, McNamara, Stewart, Bremner, Murray, McLeod, Hutchinson, Duncan, Higgins.
 Celtic: Latchford; Sneddon, Burns, Aitken, McDonald, Dowie, Glavin, Edvaldsson, McCluskey, McAdam, Doyle (Wilson).

RANGERS (1) 1 (Johnstone)
AYR (1) 1 (Cramond) 15,000
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, McDonald, McLean (Parlane), Russell (Miller), Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.
 Ayr: Sproat; Wells, Connor, McSherry, Fleming, Kelly (McAllister), Phillips, McLaughlin, McCall (Hyslop), McCulloch, Cramond.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

THIRD DIVISION

TRANMERE (1) 2 (Moore, Allen)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Beamish) 2,460
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Cliff, Moore, Tynan, Allen.
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Dulson, Bentley, Ridley, Harris, Hawkins, Sutcliffe, Bromage, Beamish, Moore, Bailey.

FOURTH DIVISION

STOCKPORT (1) 3 (Massey 2, 1 pen., Fletcher)
TORQUAY (0) 0 2,196
 Stockport: Rogan; Thorpe, Rutter, Fletcher, Smith, Park, Massey, Halford, Summerbee, Prudham, McBeth.
 Torquay: Wake; Twitchin, Parsons, Raper, Payne, Dunne, Coffill, Lawrence, Cooper, Vassallo, Darke (Tomlin).

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

FIRST DIVISION

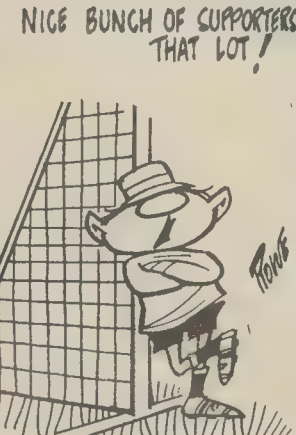
ARSENAL (0) 2 (Brady, Price)
NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Burns) 33,353
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Walford, Brady, Rix, Macdonald, Stapleton, Hudson.
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Blackley, Kennedy, Barton, Nattrass, Nulty, Barrowclough, Burns, McGhee, Walker, Scott.

ASTON VILLA (0) 2 (Cowans, Wicks o.g.)
CHELSEA (0) 0 27,375
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Gregory, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Gray, Cowans, Carrodus.
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Wilkins (G), Harris, Britton, Hay, Wicks, Finnieston, Lewington, Langley, Swain, Frost (Garner).

BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Cormack)
LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Heighway) 31,471
 Bristol C: Shaw; Gillies, Merrick, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton (Mabbutt), Ritchie, Royle, Cormack, Mann.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Smith, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, McDermott, Souness.

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LEICESTER were not only relegated but they finished the season managerless, holding the unenviable tag of scoring the lowest number of goals in Division One history and home gates were the lowest in the First Division for the second successive year.

So what has gone wrong? Retiring chairman Sid Needham, who has just completed 42 years on the board, said: "We were impressed with Frank McLintock's tremendous enthusiasm and thought he would make it. We have learned our lesson — enthusiasm is not enough."

"Things went wrong from the start and we were never able to overcome them. We are in a mess and do not want to make the same mistake twice. Although personally I feel McLintock would in time have done well, we could not wait for that."

But is it fair to make McLintock the scapegoat? For while the former manager admits he lacked the necessary experience one wonders why the board allowed him to lash out £441,000 on nine players in seven months, a policy which brought no reward and plunged the club to the bottom of the table.

But you have to go back several years to get at the real root of Leicester's present troubles. One recalls a parting shot from Peter Shilton when he moved to Stoke in 1974 for a fee of

£325,000. The Leicester-born 'keeper claimed the club with whom he had been associated from schooldays was sadly lacking in ambition.

And he is not alone in this contention. Jimmy Bloomfield, who sold Shilton, said he was worth 12 points a season, while Peter Taylor, Nottingham Forest's assistant-manager, now puts the figure at 14 points and says Shilton is the best goalkeeper in the world.

So why did Shilton leave Leicester? When a director asked him the reason he said: "I am now being paid twice as much as I was at Leicester."

Commenting on Leicester's relega-



PETER SHILTON
... now earning twice as much

tion the Forest 'keeper said: "It's a very sad story. No one likes to see their home-town team in trouble." This is a view echoed by most former City players.

About the same time Leicester sold Shilton, David Nish went to Derby for £250,000, and Ally Brown to West Bromwich Albion for £70,000.

The money they brought in was invested by Jimmy Bloomfield on no fewer than seven players from London clubs. First to move to Filbert Street was Jon Sammels, followed by Alan Birchenall, Keith Weller, Dennis Rofe, Steve Earle, Steve Kember and Jeff Blockley.

Yet when Chris Garland and Bob Lee were sold to Bristol City and Sunderland respectively for £285,000, Bloomfield was told most of the money was required to pay off bank overdrafts and could not go on player replacements.

No one could say but that Bloomfield was ambitious. On the other hand no club can sell players of the calibre of Shilton and Nish and expect to win the League Championship. Both players have been in a Championship side, but Leicester have won nothing.

Shilton was as good when he was at Leicester as he is today, but can you imagine the ambitious Brian Clough selling him when he is determined to

win the Championship again next season.

The trouble with Leicester is they take adversity as a matter of course, looking upon the Second Division as unavoidable. The attitude is "We've been relegated before and came back — and we can do it again." It's all taken for granted.

Even the most ardent fans are resigned to the present situation.

Bloomfield during his six years managership, was proud of his record of having spent £½ million and recouping a similar amount in sales.

Most of the players he bought have moved on and when McLintock took over he saw weaknesses which led to his spending spree. All season the club, renowned for its homeliness and hospitality, struggled.

And it looks as if Leicester will be struggling next season too. The reason for the present position can be best summed up by saying there has not been sufficient forward-thinking, money has not been available to go out and buy on the same scale as Brian Clough has done at Nottingham Forest, and somewhere along the line a "shake-up" is badly needed.



ROGER DAVIES
bought
from Bruges

AFTER being freely tipped last August to carry off the Second Division Championship Sunderland slumped badly during the following eight months. But there was one bright spot for the Roker club, the emergence of their midfield man, Gary Rowell, as a goal-getter.

At the end of 1977-78 he was Sunderland's top scorer with 19 goals and his success was something of a surprise even to himself.

"I never expected to find the net as regularly as I did," admits Rowell. "And it all came about when our manager, Jimmy Adamson, told the midfield players to push forward more often, and get into the opposing penalty-area. So we did this, while at the same time being careful about leaving loopholes at the back, and I suddenly found myself hitting a few goals."

"I've never played right up-front, but if I were asked to operate as a forward, I would be quite ready to give it a go. Up to last season, I had never been a regular scorer, although I've always loved to get goals, even if I generally missed them after moving into a scoring position."

"Now, the difference is I seem to be better at putting them away, and I realise how important it is for a midfield man to be able to weigh in with a decent goals-tally every season."

"For example, I reckon if a player

in my position can manage to take his total of goals into the twenties between August and May, he is making a very useful contribution to the team. This is why I told myself at the beginning of the 1977-78 season things were going to be different, and later, everything appeared to work out pretty well for me."

But it wasn't only Rowell's goalscoring ability that impressed the Roker fans — his overall form was consistently good in a side which seldom lived up to pre-

Sunderland's surprise goal-getter GARY ROWELL

season predictions.

Says Gary: "When we just failed to stay in the First Division last year, I experienced my biggest-ever disappointment. The feeling of having come so close to avoiding relegation, only to eventually go down, was shattering."

"And later, we failed to adjust quickly to Second Division football, which I believe was due to us being a young side. Bobby Kerr was an exception, of course, and he had a tremendous influence on many of our games, with the one against Spurs at White Hart Lane being among our best of the season."

"It was a matter of pride among

the Sunderland players to do well against a team which had been up among the leaders for so long. Turning in a good performance against Tottenham was even more important to us than collecting the points, and the win made me feel on top of the world."

"It could be a good omen for next season, when I want us to be able to justify the faith the supporters at Roker have had in us. The crowd really gets behind us, and I hope we can give them something to cheer about in the future."

"And though it's true we've lacked experience, this means we can only improve, and it is important we retain confidence and a belief in ourselves."

It was by demonstrating qualities of confidence and ability that Rowell, along with his young team-mates, Shaun Elliott and Kevin Arnott, made up a trio that fully earned the plaudits of the Roker crowd last year — they were all North-East lads making an early bid for fame.

And today, Gary Rowell still has an over-riding ambition. He says: "I would like to be part of a Sunderland team that is promoted back into the First Division."



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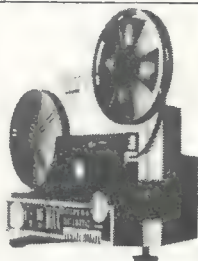
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MARRIED: Yes to Susan
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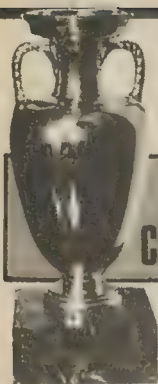
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PREVIEW: Denmark v. Eire. Idraets Park, Copenhagen, May 24th. Kick off 7p.m.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

THE inclusion of England and Northern Ireland in Eire's group for the European Championship has overshadowed the presence of Bulgaria and Denmark in the same group. But, before their glamour home games with their neighbours next Autumn, Eire must first travel to Copenhagen, and hopefully commence their campaign with a win.

When the draw was made last November the reaction from Danish officials was there was nothing to fear from the Irish. On Wednesday next that claim will be put to the test, when player-manager Johnny Giles leads his men, in what for him will be his fifth attempt to gain European Championship honours. The "little general" was first capped way back in 1959 and has been an

their thirteen games. That historic win was in Prague in 1967.

Eire have played two friendlies in preparation for this game, beating Turkey 4-2 in Dublin, and losing 3-0 to Poland in Lodz. Because several of his English-based players could not be released for these games, Giles gave first caps to ten players, some of whom are now pressing the regulars for a place.

The build-up continues with a game against Norway in Oslo on Sunday (21st) on route to Denmark.

Despite the introduction of so many new names, Giles is unlikely to depart from the regular eleven, which up to now have almost picked themselves.

Mick Kearns missed the two friendlies — Gerry Peyton deputising — but the Walsall 'giant' is likely to be between the posts again. In front of him Paddy Mulligan will no doubt continue to hold the number two shirt, although Derby's Dave Langan is now breathing down his neck.

Mulligan's club-mate Mick Martin has served his F.I.F.A. suspension and can play against Norway, but will have to miss three European Championship games because of a previous

U.S. club New England Tea Men for the Summer. If released he will link up with Liam Brady and Giles, a trio that looks excellent on paper, but has yet to click simultaneously.

Up-front Paul McGee could be challenging his Q.P.R. club-mate Don Givens for a place. McGee looked very impressive on his debut against Turkey and did something Givens (who incidentally made his international debut against Denmark) has been finding difficult in recent games — score. However, if anybody is going to be dropped because of the scarcity of goals it could be Steve Heighway, who has yet to find the net in a full international. Frank Stapleton has made the third striking position his own.

The good news for Eire is Denmark will be well below full strength. European Footballer of the Year Allan Simonsen and Borussia Mönchengladbach team-mate Carsten Neilson won't be available as Borussia are on tour.

Henning Jensen of Real Madrid must be considered doubtful as his club have arranged a friendly on the same day. The Bruges pair, Jensen and Sorensen, may also be on club duty.

The Danes are going professional and this may help them in the future, but at the moment they have to rely on the goodwill of many European clubs.

As the Irish should be more or less at full strength, they have a golden chance to pick up two valuable away points. By the time the others come to play in Copenhagen, the Danes may have all their stars available.

So it should be "Wonderful Wonderful Copenhagen" for Eire!



Allan Simonsen (centre) will probably be absent from the game in Copenhagen through club commitments.

Will it be 'Wonderful, Wonderful Copenhagen' for Giles' team?

automatic choice since then.

This will be the sixth meeting between the countries, but the first in the European Championship. The five previous games, of which Eire have won two and drawn two, were all in World Cup qualifiers. The reason for the odd number of five is the December, 1968, game in Dublin was abandoned after 51 minutes because of heavy fog.

Eire's away record in the Nations Cup, as it used to be called, is bad — having managed only one win in

dismissal. Brighton's Mark Lawrenson then seems certain to continue as David O'Leary's partner in the centre of the defence.

Provided he plays on Sunday against Norway, Jimmy Holmes (left-back) will be making his 25th appearance in the green jersey and thereby qualify for the F.A.I. statuette which is presented to Eire players who reach the quarter century mark.

In midfield the only doubt concerns Gerry Daly who has joined

Mick Martin (on the ball v. England) will miss three Championship games through suspension.



PAST RESULTS All World Cup games (Eire's score first)

3rd October, 1956 Dublin 2-1.
2nd October, 1957 Copenhagen 2-0.
4th December, 1968 Dublin 1-1.
27th May, 1969 Copenhagen 0-2.
15th October, 1969 Dublin 1-1.

HAVING played three World Cup Finalists in the past six months, England are preparing to meet Scotland and Hungary during the next week. Our record at the moment is: W1 D1 L1, but those figures may give a slightly misleading impression.

Personally, I've been very happy with the way the "new" England team has progressed under Ron Greenwood.

We started off, if you like, by beating Italy 2-0 at Wembley, a result which made a few people sit up and take notice.

Then we went to Munich and most neutrals agreed West Germany were a little fortunate to beat us 2-1.

A few weeks ago Brazil came to Wembley and the score was 1-1, yet again most of the honours went to England.

The most important factor is that slowly but surely England are heading in the right direction. I'm writing this article before the start of the British Championship, so I hope our results against Wales and Northern Ireland have been good!

'England can dent

I'd written myself off for the season because of a groin injury. I rested it for a while, my only exercise being swimming and then, as Chelsea's position in Division One became a little precarious, I decided to try it out. Touch wood, there has been no reaction.

It is probably true to say that had Chelsea not slipped into the relegation danger zone I wouldn't have chanced a comeback. Still, I'm delighted with the way it's all turned out.

I was disappointed to miss the Brazil game. Ron Greenwood kindly invited me along to Wembley to see

Ron Greenwood seems to have the nucleus of the sort of side he's looking for and this makes it easier for players to come into the team.

Take the Brazil game, for instance. Several changes were forced upon the side, yet the likes of Tony Currie stepped in and did very well. This is a credit to all concerned.

I have sensed England are becoming more relaxed and confident now Ron Greenwood has settled into the job and I look forward to the future with confidence.

From my own point of view, it's a bonus I was even available for the British Championship. At one time

the match, which I enjoyed.

Brazil disappointed me; I expected more skill and less brawn from the three-times World Champions. Only Rivelino and Zico showed anything like the level of technique one has come to associate with Brazil.

Rivelino was fabulous. Watching his performance was an experience. Without really moving into top gear, he was at the centre of so many Brazil moves and his passing was out of this world. He hardly needed to run, such was the accuracy of his distribution.

Why Brazil resorted to the rough stuff is beyond me. The lads did well to keep their heads and had they have won there could have been few complaints.

They came to Europe to "acclimatise" themselves to our style of football. Tackling which is accepted over here must be strange to the Brazilians because in South America bodily contact is negligible. Even so, this doesn't excuse their behaviour.

People wondered how the Scots would have fared against Brazil in that mood. Would they have retaliated? That we'll never know — but Saturday's game at Hampden Park is sure to be an equally big test.

I've been to Hampden twice before. The first for an Inter-League game two seasons ago and the second a year ago in a special Jubilee match, where I was fortunate to be introduced to Her Majesty The Queen.

I suspect this Saturday will be rather different! Around eighty thousand Scots will be urging their heroes to beat us for the third successive year. I make no predictions other than to say I'm quietly confident about our chances.

I love to see England beating Scotland. I was sick last year when they deservedly won 2-1 at Wembley.

**RAY
WILKINS**
writes for you



LEFT . . . "Martin Buchan could be a key player in Argentina."

ABOVE . . . "In action against Northern Ireland last year. I've never played against Scotland in a full international."

Scotland's confidence'

Of all the confrontations I can recall, the one that stands out is the 1969 clash at Wembley which we won 4-1. Geoff Hurst scored twice, but my everlasting memory will be one of Martin Peters's two goals. He received the ball in his stride around the edge of the area and instead of blasting it towards goal, placed the ball with inch-perfect precision past Bobby Clark. Rarely have I seen a shot better placed. I also remember Martin scoring in our 3-1 win at Wembley two years later.

Scotland won't want to lose Saturday's game, even if the World Cup is only a couple of weeks away. I've been a little worried about Scotland's lack of preparations for Argentina. Before the Championship they'd had just one game, against Bulgaria, in February. I'd have thought Scotland would have tried to fix up at least one other match in between.

Anyway, I'm sure they'll do themselves proud in Argentina. They have a well-balanced side with some outstanding individuals.

I feel Martin Buchan will be an important player in the Finals. He's like Bobby Moore with his ice-cool temperament, and I also have a hunch Graeme Souness could emerge in midfield. Up-front, Scot-



"Martin Peters heads home against Scotland in 1971."

land will look towards Kenny Dalglish and I doubt if they'll be disappointed.

No Scotland supporter can see anything but victory against England on Saturday. We'll be doing our best to ensure the Scots fly off with their World Cup confidence dented!

Next Wednesday, England play hosts to Hungary in a game I believe could be one of the most entertaining seen at Wembley in ages.

Hungary are being tipped as dark horses in Argentina and I go along with that. I played against their Under-23 side in the European Championship a couple of years ago and they certainly impressed me. Quite a few of these youngsters have progressed through to the senior team and I recall there were three or four players of outstanding

individual ability. I can't remember his name, but they had someone in midfield with blond hair and he was exceptional.

Hungary will definitely take the game seriously. They must be wanting to reach their peak about now with the World Cup in mind and their players can't afford to give less than 100 per cent.

If you do this, the chance of injury increases and there is always the possibility that your form dips — and your place goes!

No, I think Hungary will provide excellent opposition for our last game of the season.

By next Wednesday evening, I hope England have progressed even more and we go into our European Championship qualifying ties next season knowing we can get off to a good start.

Join me again in two weeks when I'll be telling you who I think will win the World Cup.

Raymond

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England's Tony Currie confronts Zico of Brazil during the recent friendly.



**Tartan
Talk**
DANNY McGRAIN

I'LL BE on my way home to rain-soaked, wind-swept Scotland this week after six fabulous weeks relaxing in the sunshine of Minorca!

As I relax on these lovely Spanish beaches writing my column, I can't help a smug grin spreading across my face as I think of the weather back home. I've heard it is anything but summery.

The programme over here is one of complete rest and relaxation with wife Laraine and children Vicky and Dawn, with a one hour paddle in the sea every day to help heal my injured foot.

And just to make it more interesting, I take my constitutional in the waters of a different beach each day. The water's lovely!

I'm not trying to rub it in, honest!

Actually, the weather wasn't too hot for the first few days we were here, but since then it has been a bit special. It has given me a chance to get a real break from the sight of hospitals and treatments that I have been living with since last October.

And it has allowed me too, to continue one of my favourite close season hobbies ... growing my beard.

But back to the football action ... and from what I can gather it's all happening back home. Two weeks ago I talked about Scotland's opening British Championship games ... now for the big one.

And that can mean only one thing. Scotland v England, whether it be at Hampden or Wembley.

This one of course is in Glasgow and will be, as ever, a sell-out. That is usually the case no matter how bad a spell either country is going through, but this time there are extra special reasons for the extraordinary demand for tickets.

World Cup fever is well and truly sweeping Scotland, and the England game will be our farewell in action before the lads fly out to Argentina. I say "in action" because the S.F.A. have arranged a special going away party at Hampden on May 25th when the Scots team will take a salute from the fans and then step into helicopters to fly to Prestwick and meet the jet for Argentina.

That should be a great night in itself, but there will be no action from the players.

I hope that isn't the story when we face England.

The English are beginning to look something like the team they should be. Ron Greenwood has already done a good job for the game at national level and their challenge in world soccer can be taken seriously once again.

By all accounts they looked good against Brazil at Wembley ... although the South Americans, once the charmers of World football, became the villains in that one.

Referee Charles Corver of Holland says Brazil took the huff because the English fans booed their national anthem and Ron Greenwood felt Brazil might have been taking revenge for their experience in the 1966 World Cup in England when they said they were hacked to bits.

And yet apparently Brazilian officials couldn't understand what all the fuss was about.

Perhaps Brazil were using the match as a World Cup testing ground, trying out a European referee — who will be one of the officials in Argentina — to see just how much they could get away with.

And one way or another they got away with a lot. Which says all the more for this current England side.

Even in the bad times, the English First Division was crammed with players of class. Some good enough even, for the Scottish team!

Kevin Keegan for one is worthy of the title "superstar" although Liverpool didn't do a bad bit of business when they sold him to Hamburger SV for £500,000 and then picked up an even better player in Kenny Dalglish.

Tony Currie, too, is a stylish player who could pose Scotland problems at Hampden.

But if you want to talk about problems, talk about the pressure

which is on Scotland to win.

It wouldn't do the boys too many favours to lose on the eve of the flight to the Finals ... not that I think for a second they will.

But win, lose or draw, Scotland v England will be well removed from the players' minds by the time the Finals start.

England have nothing to lose. Scotland are favourites. Scotland haven't lost to England since 1975. Scotland are in form. Scotland are going to the World Cup Finals.

Surely there can be only one result.

See you in two weeks when I will be previewing the most important month in the history of Scottish football.

Danny McGrain

**TARTAN TALK NEXT
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Bobby Clark has wiped out his nightmare match



ONE OF the first men to be told by manager Ally MacLeod he would be going to Argentina for the World Cup Finals was Aberdeen's veteran goalkeeper Bobby Clark.

While other highly-priced superstars waited and worried to get the nod from MacLeod, Clark knew well in advance he would be in South America as 16 nations fought out the glorious battle for soccer's most coveted prize.

The remarkable thing is not long ago Clark's career looked decidedly shaky... after MacLeod had taken over at Pittodrie from Ayr United!

MacLeod took Somerset Park goalkeeper Ally McLean with him to Aberdeen and he took over at one stage with Clark out in the cold. However, true to form, Clark came fighting back and eventually won his way back into the first team.

"Bobby is such a mature person," says MacLeod. "He is a handy man to have around. With all his experience and knowledge of the game he can help settle the nerves of younger players."

"At Wembley last year he was going to go out with Alan Rough before the match against England

and practise with him before the teams came out. That idea didn't materialise, but Bobby was only too willing to help the man to whom he was playing understudy.

"It was a gesture that was so typical of the man. It's always good to look around a dressing room and see Bobby there helping and encouraging."

Clark was probably Scotland's most consistent goalkeeper last season. He reads situations superbly, reacts swiftly and has overwhelming confidence in his own ability.

He isn't a showman. Instead he prefers to rely on his uncanny anticipation to clear danger.

Clark started his career as an amateur with Queen's Park, the team that also provided international 'keepers such as Ronnie Simpson, Bobby Brown, who went on to become Scotland's manager for a spell, and Jim Cruickshank.

Not surprisingly there were a host of clubs after Bobby while he was at Hampden. Aberdeen eventually won the race and only twice has he looked like moving.

Once was when Stoke City, looking for a replacement for Gordon Banks, came on the scene with a reported £100,000 bid. They watched Clark in a match against Celtic at Pittodrie as the 'keeper conceded three goals. No business was done after that game.

Then Rangers, who had watched him while he was an amateur, wanted him about seven years ago, but a proposed deal fell through at the eleventh hour.

Clark's international career has had its ups and downs. One of its lowest dips was the centenary shambles against England on frost-bound Hampden when the visitors hammered in five goals.

"That was a nightmare," recalls Clark, "but, remember, I wasn't the only Scots player on the pitch that evening. Thankfully, that match is well in the past."

• The 'keeper is always looking forward to the future and another challenge. He may be an understudy, he may even accept the tag of veteran, but he is still ambitious. Future would-be Scottish international goalkeepers — you have been warned!

DANNY McGRAIN was a mere onlooker when Hibs' right-back John Brownlie was starring in Scotland's number two shirt six years ago.

Brownlie was being hailed as one of the best right-backs in Europe. His powerful touchline overlaps and muscle-jerking determination in the tackle made him look an international certainty for years to come.

He was soaring to the very top when the crunch came... and he hit the deck with an almighty thump. Jardine moved into the right-back spot, then McGrain and when people were talking about Ally MacLeod's World Cup 40 only the most fervent Hibs fans were putting his name forward.

What went wrong? Very simply Brownlie broke a leg, broke it again shortly after his comeback

JOHN BROWNLIE IS NO LONGER A FORGOTTEN MAN



and his confidence took a drastic nosedive as he became one of soccer's forgotten men.

Brownlie appeared to lose his attacking, adventurous flair. There weren't many left-wingers having great games against him simply because he was concentrating on defending.

As a defender he was better than most, but it wasn't the same Brownlie who had made the international breakthrough as a teenager.

One Hibs player says: "It was a pity for John. You see, he had set such high standards and no one seemed to think he could ever reach that peak again."

Thankfully, Brownlie didn't let his spirits drop. He kept working away, adding to his game, trying a little more each week and last season he finally came to the fore again.

Back is the Brownlie of old and to illustrate this re-emergence is the fact he was the player who was immediately called into the World Cup 40 when the unfortunate McGrain had to finally call off.

Brownlie didn't make the trip to Argentina, of course, but even the fact he was brought into the international scheme of things again must act as a great boost to him.

Brownlie ended the season as he had started it... in great form. In the final League match of the season against Aberdeen at Easter Road the setting was ideal for Brownlie.

The Dons were still in with a chance of the title if they won and Rangers drew with Motherwell at Ibrox. Hibs knew they had to win to clinch a place in the U.E.F.A. Cup with Celtic breathing down their necks.

Ian Scanlon, The Dons' £30,000 buy from Notts County, put the Pittodrie men ahead just before the end, but Brownlie refused to admit defeat. With time swiftly running out he went off on one of his right-wing sorties.

The Aberdeen defence backed off probably expecting him to go to the line, but this time he swung a magnificent diagonal ball into their penalty-area and Arthur Duncan headed it crisply and cleanly into the net. That goal ensured a European place and The Dons had to be content with the runners-up spot, two points behind Rangers who had beaten Motherwell.

Brownlie is back, though. Danny McGrain, Sandy Jardine and Aberdeen's Stuart Kennedy will be joined in the all-out fight in the future for that precious number two shirt. May the best man win.

IN NEXT WEEK'S 48-PAGE SHOOT

Features: Goals totals of all the scorers in the Football League, from Division One to Division Four + All 16 of the managers of World Cup Finalists on their team's prospects of winning the trophy + Robbie Rensenbrink, captain of Cup-Winners' Cup winners Anderlecht + Four players — Paddy Mulligan (West Brom), Phil Holder (Palace), Sammy McIlroy (Man. United) and Duncan McKenzie (Everton) — on playing in local derbies + Davie Hayes of Morton on winning the Scottish First Division Championship + World Cup winger Willie Johnston reveals why he's optimistic about Scotland's chances in Argentina + The 'soccer scandal' around the release of players to play in America before the end of our season

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WORLD CUP

Those of you who have studied SHOOT's World Cup poster should be able to answer the following questions.

1. (a) Who finished leading goal-scorer during the 1970 Finals in Mexico and (b) how many goals did he score?
2. Can you name the three other countries in Poland's qualifying group?
3. True or false? Italy finished one point clear of England in their qualifying group and seven ahead of Finland?
4. Which two countries kick-off this year's tournament in Argentina on June 1st?
5. What is wrong with this statement? Argentina knocked out Haiti, Australia and Bolivia to qualify for the Finals?

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

The Championship reaches a climax this week when Wales play Northern Ireland and Scotland entertain England. Answer the questions listed.

6. Northern Ireland and Wales fought an entertaining 1-1 draw at Windsor Park, Belfast, last year. Can you remember who scored the respective goals?
7. The following players appeared in that game. Which clubs were they playing for at the time? (a) Jimmy Nicholl, (b) Gerry Armstrong, (c) John Mahoney and (d) Leighton James.
8. Has a Scotland v. England clash, North of the border, ever been played outside of Glasgow?
9. England's last British Championship victory at Hampden Park was in 1972 when they beat Scotland 1-0 with a goal by Martin Peters, Joe Royle or Alan Ball?
10. (a) Wembley Stadium was used for the first time to stage a battle between the big two in 1923, 1924 or 1925 and (b) the match finished 0-0, 1-1 or 2-2?

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S QUIZ TIME



ABOVE, LEFT . . . Joe Royle (England).
ABOVE . . . John Mahoney (Wales).
LEFT . . . Gerry Armstrong (N. Ireland).

INTERNATIONAL

England are again in action on the following Wednesday, May 24th. They play host to World Cup Finalists Hungary. See how many questions you can answer from past encounters.

11. Our older readers should know Hungary were the first foreign country to beat England at Wembley when they won 6-3 in November, 1953. Do you know the player who scored from a penalty for the home side that day and later went on to become the international manager?
12. England played Hungary in May, 1962, in a World Cup-tie. Did the Hungarians win 1-0, 2-1 or 3-2?
13. Which of these former England internationals — Gordon Banks, Roger Byrne, Roger Hunt — never played against Hungary?
14. The countries have met ten times in all with five wins apiece. (a) England have scored 32, 33 or 34 goals and (b) the Hungarians 23, 24 or 25?
15. The two sides last met in May, 1965, when England won 1-0 with a Jimmy Greaves goal. Did Ray Wilson, Jackie Charlton or Bobby Moore skipper England that day?

ANSWERS:

1. (a) West Germany's Gerd Muller, (b) Ten, 2. Portugal, Denmark and Cyprus, 3. False — Italy finished level with England and six points clear of Finland, 4. West Germany and Poland, 5. Argentina qualified as hosts, 6. Sammy Nelson for Northern Ireland and Nick Deacy for Wales, 7. (a) Manchester United, (b) Tottenham, (c) Stoke City, (d) Derby County, 8. No, 9. Alan Ball, 10. (a) 1924, (b) 1-1, 11. Alf Ramsey, 12. 2-1, 13. Roger Hunt, 14. (a) 32, (b) 25, 15. Bobby Moore.

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DERRICK Parker's goals helped take Southend into Division Three. Parker, scorer of just six goals in the 1976-77 season, hit 23 goals in League and F.A. Cup last term to help gain Southend promotion. But that is only half a job done — according to Parker.

Southend's leading scorer says simply: "Promotion is only the first step for us at Roots Hall. Everyone is fiercely ambitious and

formation that has taken the Fourth Division by storm. Parker says: "Teams have often been terrified by the way we have gone at them and attacked. With two wingers playing wide and two down the middle of the field, it's been a dangerous-looking system whenever we've played."

"I have had crosses and centres coming over all the season although I'm not known for my heading, I scored 12 goals alone through headers — an indication of the work done by our wingers."

Parker joined Southend in 1976-77, but managed only a miserable six goals by the end of the term. He says: "It was a disappointing season all round for me. I had to leave Burnley because they bought Willie Morgan and Mike Summerbee and that was the end of my chances. I only played one game after they arrived so I knew I had to go."

"Southend was in the Fourth Division when I joined them, and I could see the potential. I know Burnley have a fine reputation, but I wasn't doing anything really even though I'd gone there as a kid straight from school with much promise."

Promotion to the Third- Top scorer with 23 goals-

But still Southend United's
Derrick Parker isn't satisfied!

we are aiming for the Second — and then the First.

"Of course, no one thinks next season will be easy. But we played Cambridge last term and beat them so it was considerably encouraging for us this year to see them fighting for promotion to Division Two."

"Our manager Dave Smith is a man desperate for success. And if we get the couple of players we need during the summer to strengthen the squad, I think we can make a serious bid for promotion next season."

"No one is sitting back on their achievements after a good season this year. It is really only a stepping stone to better things, for Southend is a club that could easily stand Second Division status. If you look at clubs like Rochdale or Southport, it's obvious they will never get anywhere. But it's different for a club like us."

Parker is the Geordie lad who was invaluable to Southend last season. But he's quick to point out the help he's had from a 4-2-4

"It was a disappointing time for me but if things aren't working out, you've got to make a move. I don't regret it at all because it gave me first team football at Southend. I've got better and better ever since."

"My ambition is to play in the First Division — with Southend, if it's possible. The town is a place that ought to have a team much higher than Division Four and it's a good ground to play on. I think, too, if we are successful we will get bigger crowds."

"I have found it much easier to score goals with the attacking formation we've played. Colin Morris and Gerry Fell have been our wingers with Peter Abbott down the middle, alongside me. They have all helped me get among the goals, but the wingers have done exceptionally well."

"Next season? We will start it with high hopes for promotion and success. I can see no reason why we shouldn't do really well and start getting Southend on to the footballing map."

JIM'S IN- At Coventry, and maybe for Scotland, too

THE consistency of a goalkeeper breeds the confidence a club needs to launch an ambitious style of attacking football.

The dazzling skills of more

illustrious colleagues often overshadow their work, but at Coventry the fans appreciate a first class final line of defence.

Few would dispute that in the past two decades The Sky Blues have regularly been able to field one of the country's best half a dozen 'keepers. It all stems from the days of Reg Matthews, who won five England caps during 1956 and 1957.

Bill Glazier, who followed Matthews into the first team, joined Coventry from Crystal Palace in December, 1964 at a fee of £35,000 which made him the costliest goalkeeper in Britain.

But 25 games later he fractured a leg in two places in a collision with Glyn Pardoe of Manchester City. Having played three times for England Under-23's against Rumania, Scotland and Czechoslovakia without conceding a goal, Glazier was expected to become understudy to Gordon Banks in the 1966 World Cup Finals. But his only representative honour was a game for the Football League against Scotland.

Glazier spent 11 years at Coventry and played more than 400 first team games. But before he left Gordon Milne, the club's manager, had prepared the man to take over the position.

Jim Blyth, who had shown promise at Preston, joined Coventry as a 17-year-old for £25,000 in 1972.

He, too, was unfortunate to break a leg and at one stage was loaned to Hereford.

The experience all served to harden Blyth, whose patience was rewarded when he won his first Scotland cap against Bulgaria at Hampden Park in February.

His first touch of the ball came when he picked it out of the net in the eighth minute! But that was the only time it escaped him and he gave a good performance.

"That game has been the highlight of my career to date," says Blyth. "I'd worked hard for it."

Blyth owes a lot to Bill Glazier. "He tightened up my game," he says. "But he was just one of the many helpful influences on my career. I've always been lucky and had good managers and coaches around me."

Football fans are notorious for their hostility to anyone who dares replace a hero and Glazier was a hero. So did he suffer any unfavourable reaction from the



Highfield Road crowd?

"No, they have been great to me," says Blyth. "But perhaps that was because I wasn't his immediate successor."

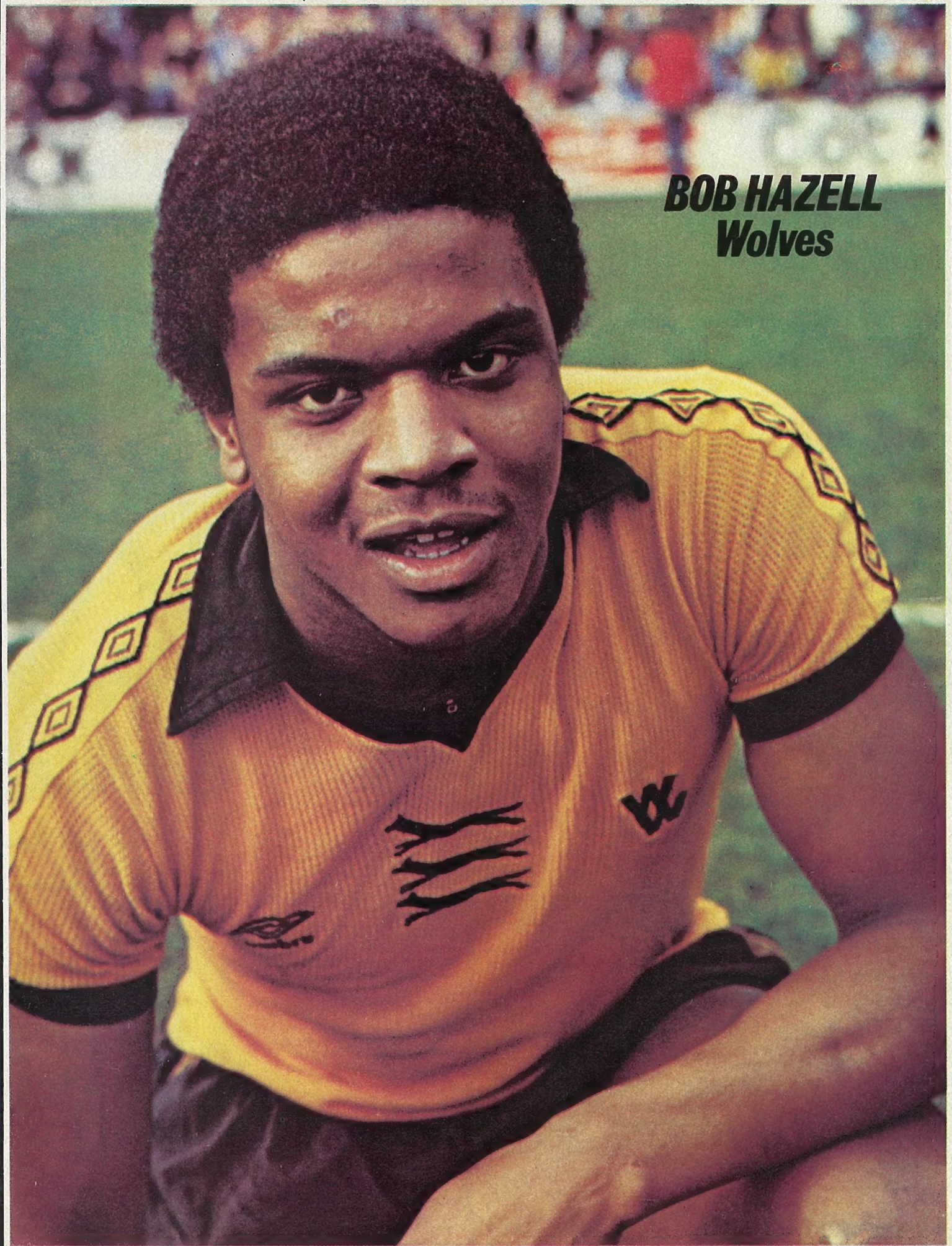
"Neil Ramsbottom and Bryan King had played for short spells before I got my break. When a player knows he has won a crowd over, his form blossoms."

Alan Rough may be Scotland's number one at present, but with Blyth in his current form he will have to stay on his toes.

Blyth says: "I don't want to say anything bad about Alan because I don't think like that. That's not to say I wouldn't like to displace him in the World Cup."

"I feel Scotland can do very well. And Coventry next season? We came on a terrific amount last term, when we went out to attack teams, home and away; and it paid dividends."

"This game is all about confidence. You need it to achieve anything, and we now have lots at Coventry. The Scottish party is also pretty confident — just another reason for fancying our chances in South America this summer."



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